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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, third from left, and his legal counsel Teresa Kim, second from right, meet with senators on the contentious austerity bill to cut work hours from 80 to 72 per pay period, in Senate President Paul A. Manglona's conference room yesterday afternoon. From left, Manglona (R-Rota), Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan), Inos, Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Kim, and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

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## 'Austerity Fridays' morphs to flexible work hour cuts

The latest change to a contentious austerity bill would allow government agency and department heads to be flexible when cutting their offices' work hours, so long as the reduction is still equivalent to eight hours per pay period. **See AUSTERITY on Page 4**

### DPH'S J-1 VISA WAIVER APPLICATION OK'D

## CHC can now hire more doctors from off-island

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The Commonwealth Health Center can now expect to get a better pool of off-island applicants to augment its roster of doctors after the U.S. Department of State approved its J-1 Conrad 30 state waiver application.

CHC director of nursing April Ricotta said CHC got the approval on July 14.

"We received our approval as a J-1 visa waiver designation. The importance of this is it increases our applicant pool for physicians," said Ricotta yesterday.

The J-1 visa allows foreign nationals to come to the U.S. for residency training. After completing their residency program, the doctors need to return to **See CHC on Page 4**

## Santos' remains to arrive on Rota Wednesday; funeral on Thursday

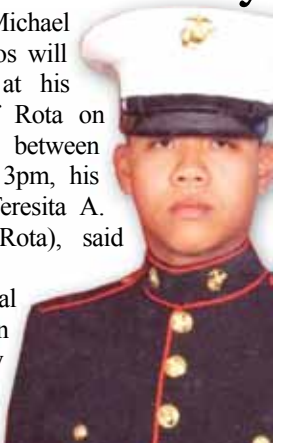
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The remains of the late U.S. Marine Cor-

poreal Dave Michael Maliksi Santos will be arriving at his birthplace of Rota on Wednesday between 2:30pm and 3pm, his aunt, Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), said yesterday.

The funeral will be on Thursday

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## CNMI scrambles to find \$1.5M

### » To resolve on default housing loans

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The CNMI government now has to find

\$1.5 million—from an original figure of some \$3 million—to help the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. meet its guarantor obligation in home loans that are delinquent and in default, or risk

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# Local

## Cop in 'ice' trafficking pleads not guilty

A police officer facing drug dealing charges entered a not guilty plea yesterday in the Superior Court.

Police Officer I Florencio Q. Richards, through court-appointed counsel Joseph N. Camacho, pleaded not guilty to trafficking in methamphetamine or "ice."

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja set a status conference for Aug. 25, 2010.

The preliminary hearing for Richards' co-defendant, Belinda O. Omengkar, did not push through yesterday as court-

appointed counsel, William Fitzgerald, asked the court to give them more time to study the case.

The OAG charged Richards with three counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, three counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance, one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of a con-

trolled substance, and one count of carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, narcotic, or disabling drugs.

The OAG charged Omengkar with five counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, six counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance, and one count of conspiracy to commit trafficking of a controlled substance.

Richards is out on a \$1,000 cash bail and \$9,000 unsecured bond. His common-law wife, Juliet I. Laniyo, is his third-party custodian.

Authorities arrested Omeng-

kar and Richards on July 15.

The CNMI Joint Drug Task Force had received information that Omengkar was in possession of and was trafficking "ice." The task force placed Omengkar on surveillance and arrested her aboard a pickup truck parked at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Task force officers identified Omengkar's driver as Richards, who was at that time off duty. The officers allegedly found a .9mm pistol, believed to be a DPS-issued firearm, on the driver's side floor mat of the truck. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



Richards



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## Rota Cliff Fishing Derby



In hopes of attracting avid fishermen to the beautiful island of Rota, the **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** re-launches the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby this weekend (July 30-August 1).

The open ocean off of As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point beckons to competitors, with derby check-in at 4:30 p.m. on Friday at Guata Beach Park.

The Rota Cliff Fishing Derby was first staged for several years in the 1990s, when it was popular with visitors from the Korean and Guam markets.

In addition to the MVA, the event is sponsored by the **Rota Mayor's Office, Rota Municipal Council, Rota Legislative Delegation, and Pacific Development Inc.**

So far this fiscal year, Rota has received 5,400 visitors, 32 percent fewer than the same period in FY 2009. The decline is largely attributed to fewer available airseats. The MVA hopes to attract more visitors to Rota with this weekend's event.



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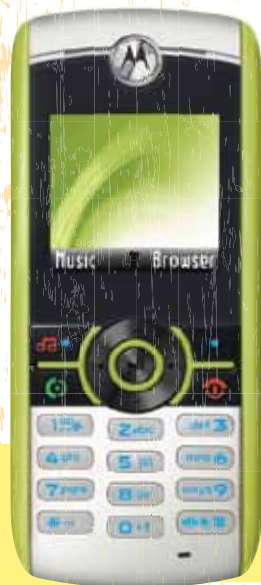


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## Auto shop owner arrested in vehicle theft, tampering scam

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Police arrested Friday the ex-convict owner of an auto shop who allegedly engaged in a scheme of stealing and tampering of vehicles.

Mohammad Jahangir Miah, 35, was arrested for allegedly receiving stolen property, theft of vehicle, and tampering with vehicle. Bail was set at \$10,000 cash. Superior Court presiding judge Robert C. Naraja set the preliminary hearing on Aug. 3, 2010, at 1:30pm.

Sources at the Department of Public Safety said Miah is a "frequent visitor" at the DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicle and that investigation is ongoing on the possibility that the scheme involves more vehicles stolen from illegal taxi operators.

Miah has a prior conviction in 2006 for forging Labor and Immigration documents. He has a bench trial this October for another criminal case.

At yesterday's hearing, Assistant attorney general Peter Prestley recommended a \$25,000 cash bail for Miah, saying the suspect poses a danger to the community, is a flight risk, has a prior conviction, and a pending criminal case.

Miah's lawyer, Edward Ariola Sr., described the \$25,000 cash bail as highly excessive and argued that his client is not a flight risk because the court has his passport, and that he has a wife and a three-month-old child on Saipan.

In his report, police officer

Norris Kwon stated that police responded to a report on May 3 about a car that was stolen by a local man "wearing a white T-shirt, white and black pants." The car, with license plate ADK-532, was owned by Wang Hong.

On May 8, Kwon said, another car with license plate ADW-812 and owned by Kibria Kaderi was stolen in front of the Harmony Karaoke in western Garapan.

Four days later, victim Hong approached a detective and disclosed that he knew where his vehicle was, Kwon said.

Hong told the detective that even if the vehicle he was about to show him was not his own, it was most likely a stolen one.

Hong pointed to a white

four-door sedan with license plate ADZ-441 parked under a makeshift tin garage outside a barracks in China Town. When confronted by the detective, a mechanic identified as Marlon De Leon said that Miah gave him the car to fix.

The detective proceeded to Miah's auto shop in As Lito. Miah told the detective he owns the car found at De Leon's house and gave his con-

sent to have the engine's serial number verified.

When the detective and Hong returned to China Town, the car was already gone. De Leon claimed that Miah instructed him to remove the vehicle from the area. De Leon said he refused to remove it, but Miah sent an unidentified Bangladeshi man who drove the vehicle away. Police then searched China Town and found the vehicle in a compound in the area.

Police noted that the vehicle's VIN numbers appeared to have

been tampered with. The VIN number on the windshield also did not match the VIN number on the doors.

Kwon said that, last Tuesday De Leon confessed to him that the original license plate of the car was ADW-812 (owned by Kaderi), but Miah replaced it with license plate number ADZ-441.

Miah was sentenced in 2006 to three years in prison for forging Labor and Immigration documents to collect money from an alien worker.



Miah

## Trial of woman accused of having sex with minor begins

The jury trial of a woman accused of having sex with a boy at her house started yesterday in the Superior Court.

The trial of 29-year-old Geraldine Marie Sanchez began in the afternoon after the selection of seven jurors, including one alternative.

The 16-year-old boy took the witness stand after his mother completed her testimony.

The boy testified that Sanchez had sex with him at her house last year, when he was

just 15 years old.

The boy said he was sleeping at Sanchez's house when the defendant, who is their neighbor, woke him up, touched his private parts, and had sex with him.

The boy appeared hesitant when answering questions by assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher and assistant public defender Michael Brown.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday afternoon, Brown was still cross-examin-

ing the boy.

Prior to this, the mother testified that she learned about the incident from neighbors. She said she talked to her son about it then called police.

Sanchez was arrested in December 2009 for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, and sexual abuse of a minor in the fourth degree. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## NMC prepares MOAs with Executive Branch, Legislature

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In a bid to ensure its autonomy, the Northern Marianas College is now reviewing memoranda of agreement entered into by the College of the Marshall Islands with its own government to see if it can adopt them locally.

Interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera said the MOAs are being reviewed by NMC legal counsel Jesus Camacho Borja and they are hoping that these will be endorsed by the Governor's Office and the Legislature.

She said the agreements will contain the same focus of concern—autonomy of the institution in both governance and financial operations.

"It's still with our legal counsel. We have the copy of the College of Marshall Islands

### TO ENSURE AUTONOMY

[MOA] so the legal counsel has to review our policies and laws to make it applicable. We know that it's going to take some process, but we hope to have it done as soon as possible so we could bring to the Legislature and the Governor's Office," Cabrera said Friday.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan has yet to give the administration's commitment to the MOA, pending a review of the proposal.

"The administration has yet to receive a draft or final form of the proposed MOA. As standard procedure, the administration must review the language and conditions of the MOA before it can make any determination," he said.

He pointed out that the administration respects the autonomy of NMC. However, in

doing so, the "governor must also fulfill any and all constitutional mandates pertaining to the expenditure of funds for the government as a whole."

The government's interference in NMC affairs was among the 10 concerns raised by the Western Association of School and Colleges. This came about after the administration zeroed out some positions at the college as a result of declining government revenues.

Both NMC and its Board of Regents were recently advised by the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council to initiate the MOAs to formalize everyone's commitment to uphold NMC's autonomy.

NMC only has until Oct. 15 to submit a plan on how it will address the 10 concerns raised by the accreditation body on June 30.

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## High Court explains reasoning for Miura extradition

A year and nine months after murder suspect Kazuyoshi Miura hanged himself inside a Los Angeles prison cell, the CNMI Supreme Court finally came out with an opinion explaining why it allowed Miura's extradition to the U.S. mainland to face charges of orchestrating his 28-year-old wife's murder.

In the opinion it issued Thursday, the Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's order to extradite Miura to California to face charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

Due to the expedited hearing schedule that the High Court faced when Miura was still on Saipan, it issued an order in 2008 allowing for Miura's extradition. Thursday's opinion provides the legal reasoning behind the order that allowed Miura to be extradited.

In November 1981, Miura and his wife Kazumi were vacationing in Los Angeles, California when they were

attacked by an unknown assailant. Miura's wife later died as a result of her injuries. California and Japan both charged Miura in connection with her death, allegedly so she could collect on her insurance. Miura was initially convicted in Japan, but in 1998, his conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court of Japan.

On Feb. 22, 2008, Miura came to Saipan, and upon his arrival he was detained by Commonwealth law enforcement acting on an outstanding felony arrest warrant issued in California in 1988. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger subsequently signed a formal requisition requesting Miura's extradition to California to face murder and conspiracy to commit murder charges. In response to the extradition request, Commonwealth Gov. Benigno R. Fitial issued a governor's arrest warrant on March 12, 2008, which ordered Com-

monwealth law enforcement officials to detain Miura and make him available for extradition.

Miura challenged the extradition by petitioning the CNMI Superior Court for a writ of habeas corpus. A writ of habeas corpus forces the government to release a prisoner if the issuing court believes that the prisoner is wrongly held. Miura argued that because Japan already found him innocent, he could not be charged for the same crime in California because California does not allow a person to be tried twice for the same offense. Miura believed that because he could not be tried in California, the Commonwealth courts must release him.

The Superior Court held that whether Miura could not be tried in California because he was already tried in Japan was a question for the California courts and not the Commonwealth courts.

## Fitial, Benavente off to Palau for PIDB board meetings

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) will be off to Palau to attend the Pacific Islands Development Bank's Board of Governors and Board of Directors meetings later this week.

PIDB is a regional development bank that finances the needs of the people and

businesses in the CNMI, Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia's Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.

Fitial will be leaving on Thursday to attend the PIDB Board of Governors meeting from July 30 to 31, press secretary Angel Demapan confirmed yesterday.

Benavente, in an interview yesterday, said he is set to leave today for the July 28 and 29 PIDB board of directors' quarterly meeting.

The CNMI, along with Guam, Palau, Yap and Pohnpei, invested \$1 million each to form the PIDB. Kosrae and Chuuk have each yet to make the \$1 million investment.

Benavente said yesterday that the PIDB is looking to borrowing money from major financial firms such as the World Bank to help finance multi-million construction projects, including roads and buildings.

## CHC

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their country of origin for two years.

The J-1 visa waiver program is a way for foreign physicians to avoid returning to their countries of origin, and begin working directly after completing their training. In order to sponsor doctors with a J-1 waiver, an area/institution needs to be designated as medically underserved.

CHC is still in state of emergency due to the lack of physicians and poor quality of health care services.

Based on the U.S. Department of

State Web site travel.state.gov, the approved signatory for the Commonwealth Health Center is Dr. Shirish Balachandra, chairman of the Emergency Medicine Department; point of contact for J-1 matters is Dr. Chad C. Lowe, from the Internal Medicine and Pediatrics departments.

In its June application, CHC was described as a small 86-bed hospital and has a "critical shortage" of physicians.

As of last month, CHC data indicated that it has only a little over 20 physicians—including part-time doctors from private clinics. In order to be fully staffed, CHC needs about 43 physicians.

In an earlier interview with Esther Muna, acting deputy secretary for Hospital Administration, she described the J-1 issue as very critical to meeting the needs of the hospital, which has been operating for years without a sufficient number of doctors and personnel.

"The J-1 visa waiver program represents an important opportunity for underserved institutions like CHC to improve their efforts at recruitment and retention of qualified, well-trained medical professionals. We hope that this approach will significantly expand the pool of qualified applicants," Muña had said.

## AUSTERITY

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The "flexible austerity" is a deviation from the original proposal to implement "austerity Fridays," which called for the shutdown of government offices every other Friday to cut public spending.

House Bill 17-45 seeks to cut work hours from 80 to 72 hours per pay period.

At the same time, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos has been making the rounds at the Legislature to raise the Fitial administration's concerns on the austerity bill as currently drafted, including exempting as few employees as possible.

"To a certain extent, it's all about the need to exempt, as opposed to wholesale exemption," he said, referring, for example, to the Public School System and Northern Marianas College. The administration wants non-instructional employees at PSS and NMC to be covered by the austerity measure, but PSS wants exemptions for the entire system.

Inos held a closed-door meeting with senators yesterday afternoon, about a week after holding the same meeting with House members.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said yesterday

that the change seems to be agreeable to some members, although the conference committee on House Bill 17-45 has yet to adopt this latest change to the bill.

"The objective is to make sure the bill gets passed to cut costs. It's hard to tell at this juncture until we finalize the latest version, and until we include the unpaid holidays, too," he said.

Hofschneider, who is a member of the conference committee, said another proposed change in the bill is to have "unpaid legal holidays."

"So now, if you don't work on a holiday, then you don't get paid," he added.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said with the latest proposal, the work hour cuts "may be from Monday to Friday, or one hour per day, depending on the department and agency heads.

Some agencies, like the Judiciary, are opposed to shutting down their offices every other Friday due to the nature of their offices' functions.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), who is also a member of the conference committee, said this latest proposal is expected to be welcomed by most government agencies, in that it gives needed flexibility "depending on the agency function."

"The agency heads will be the one to determine which employees or units

will be closed on a particular hour or day, depending on their needs and responsibilities, to ensure that there's continuity of services," Santos said.

Inos said as a result of yesterday's meeting with senators, the administration has to review their projections again as to spending cuts that will be realized and the number of employees to be exempted.

HB 17-45 seeks to exempt from the austerity measure critical positions including those of doctors, nurses, police officers and firefighters, as well as federal funded positions.

"There will be no savings here. This will only be cost reduction. This is money that we don't have that we don't need to spend," he said after his meeting with senators.

The House of Representatives did not act on the austerity bill last week after the conference committee withdrew it for further amendments that take into account the Fitial administration's concerns.

Inos also reiterated yesterday that the estimated operating deficit for the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2010 ending June is at \$23 million, which could worsen in FY 2011 when projected revenue is only at \$132 million compared to the current \$137 million, unless more spending cuts are done.

Miura then filed an emergency appeal to the CNMI Supreme Court, which granted a stay of extradition while they heard his arguments.

The Supreme Court held that a stay of extradition is proper when a petitioner may lose their right to appeal their extradition by being removed from the court's jurisdiction while the appeal is being heard. The Supreme Court also held that pursuant to binding U.S. Supreme Court precedent, the only matters a Commonwealth court may review when considering a petition for writ of habeas corpus are that the documents are in order, the prisoner

is correctly identified, that he is a fugitive, and that he is charged with a crime in the demanding state. Any question concerning the merits of the charges against an individual must be examined by the courts of the state seeking extradition. The CNMI Supreme Court lifted the stay of extradition and affirmed the Superior Court's order allowing Miura's extradition to California.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands v. Kazuyoshi Miura*, 2010 MP 12, and can be found at <http://www.justice.gov.mp/>. (PR)

## Man allegedly beats up ex inside fishing boat

A 35-year-old man allegedly kicked the face and choked his former girlfriend aboard a fishing boat at Charlie Dock Sunday morning.

Erinie N. Alden was arrested for assault and battery, criminal, mischief, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$750 cash and \$750 unsecured bond.

The victim had a swollen face.

Detective Steven A. Castro stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received an emergency call about a domestic violence in progress

at Charlie Dock.

Castro said when a police officer arrived at the scene, he noticed that the victim had a swollen face, but Alden was not there.

Castro said investigation showed that Alden arrived at the victim's cabin, kicked her face, and choked her. Aldan also allegedly punched and broke the fishing vessel's wooden door.

After less than two hours, the officer spotted Alden at a residential area in Puerto Rico, where he was arrested. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## SANTOS

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morning, the lawmaker said.

The body's arrival on Rota will come hours after it is expected to arrive in Guam from Delaware at 1am that day.

As of yesterday, however, the family has yet to hear the results of the military's investigation into Santos' death.

The lawmaker said from the Rota airport, the body will be brought to the father's house in Sinapalo I and will remain there overnight.

It will be brought to the San Isidro Church the following morning for the rosary, as well as the presentation of legislative resolutions honoring the late Marine corporal.

Rep. Santos said the Mass will start at 10am, to be followed by the burial ceremony at the San Jose cemetery.

The late Marine corporal was alleg-

edly stabbed in the neck and killed by a fellow Marine around 2am on July 16 in Marjah, Helmand Province in Afghanistan, where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was only 21 years old.

He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Santos left behind a wife, Lotty Ann Atalig Santos, and their son Anthony David A. Santos.

When he is laid to rest on Thursday, his whole family will be there—his biological father and adoptive mother, David M. Santos and Bella Maratita and siblings from Rota, as well as his biological mother Charito Maliksi-Runge and siblings from Delaware.

Dave Michael Santos has been described by his family and relatives as "loved by many," "loving," and "respectful."

## SCRAMBLES

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losing homes for low-income families.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agreed to give NMHC an "unprecedented discount of about 50 percent" on the amount needed to resolve the defaulted loans, based on negotiations between the two agencies.

NMHC director Joshua T. Sasamoto asked the help of lawmakers and the Fitial administration to ensure NMHC will have possession of 32 homes in question.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said yesterday that NMHC, through Sasamoto's leadership, should be commended for bringing the amount to about half of the original figure, adding that lawmakers and the administration will sit down to help NMHC on the matter.

"The deal is so good. We need to be in good standing with the USDA-RD. Hopefully we'll be able to find a source of funding for this. One of the things may be CIP [capital improvement funding]," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

USDA's Rural Development gave

a notice to NMHC on July 20 that the proposal to resolve the defaulted loans in the CNMI has been approved.

NMHC expects to receive official notification in two to three weeks.

"NMHC needs \$1.5 million to resolve these accounts which will give MHC possession of the 32 homes in question. This amount reflects an unprecedented discount of about 50 percent based on our negotiations with USDA RD," Sasamoto said in a July 21 letter to Manglona.

Sasamoto said the proposal is a "limited time offer" and sought immediate discussion with lawmakers and the administration on this "critical matter." Manglona met with Sasamoto last week.

Back in January, NMHC officials asked lawmakers for help in finding millions of dollars for the agency to meet its guarantor obligation in delinquent and in default home loans, or hundreds of delinquent homeowners may face foreclosure.

At the time, NMHC had 314 active home loans under the USDA-RD 502 program.

Of this number, 116 accounts are considered delinquent or in default and NMHC needs millions of dollars to meet its loan guarantor obligation.



# CUC pays EPA \$140K penalty for unmet requirements

## CNMI sex offenders' registry now online

The Department of Public Safety has launched the CNMI Sex Offenders Registry Public Web site, <http://cnmi.nsopw.gov>.

This Web site was made possible through the Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System, which is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking. The purpose is to assist the tribes and territories in implementing Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act registry system requirements.

The public can view the Web site at <http://cnmi.nsopw.gov>. They may also access the Web site on links found on the DPS Web site at <http://www.dps.gov.mp>, or the U.S. national sex offender public Web site at <http://www.nsopw.gov>.

"This should serve notice to all registered sex offenders who believe the CNMI is a haven where they can avoid registering as a sex offender," said police spokesman Jason T. Tarkong.

TTSORS serves a dual purpose. It functions as the administrative registry system and as the public sex offender

registry Web site system for the CNMI. TTSORS is cost-effective and provided free of charge by the SMART Office, so the CNMI did not need to develop or purchase any special information technology systems to have a SORNA-compliant registry system.

SORNA requirements are already included in TTSORS. As a result, the CNMI automatically participates with the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Web site.

"I would like to thank Adam Lehmann, IT program

manager, from the Institute for Intergovernmental Research, and Lori McPherson, senior policy advisor, SMART Office, USDOJ, for making TTSORS possible," said Tarkong.

The Web site system was approved by the CNMI Sex Offenders Registration administrative board, which consists of executives members from Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Services, Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Office of the Attorney General, NMI Office of Adult Probation, NMI Parole, with the assistance of the United States Marshal Service. (DPS)

### ON THE NET

- <http://cnmi.nsopw.gov>
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. used operational revenues for the current fiscal year to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$140,000 in penalties it incurred after failing to meet the requirements of two stipulated orders.

Outgoing CUC executive director Tony Muña said the payment shows the utility's good faith in complying with the mandated orders.

"We're trying our best to address all the requirements and we're working closely with EPA to resolve all these challenges," he said.

The stipulated orders refer to a March 2009 court order that set the requirements and deadlines for CUC to meet in order to comply with the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking

Water Act. These orders represent an agreement between the CNMI and EPA and provide a roadmap for providing improved water and sewer services in the CNMI.

EPA assessed CUC the \$140,000 penalty on July 14 for failing to comply with the requirements within deadlines.

Muña admitted that CUC's lack of resources and manpower hampers its desire to do all the rehabilitation work required by the orders. He is optimistic, though, that CUC could address EPA's concerns if given more time to do so.

"What created these penalties are the deadlines...for de-

liverables," said Muña, adding that CUC will continue to seek EPA's consideration to give it more time to meet all the requirements.

Muña said many requirements are technical, some are administrative—but all are equally important to meet.

He said CUC will continue to work to avoid further penalties. There are two processes related to the EPA penalties: accrual of penalties and assessment of penalties.

"What is important now is CUC continues to progress forward and we're working closely with EPA to address all the challenges," he said.



Muña

CUC is currently looking to fill 20 key positions—technical and professional—that are crucial to meet EPA's requirements.

Early this year, EPA disclosed that CUC had accrued over \$4 million in penalties—an amount that could still be settled with the federal agency.

Muña earlier hinted that, due to the many challenges affecting CUC's operation, full compliance with the stipulated orders may take up to 36 months.

The U.S. Department of Justice earlier warned that if CUC does not come into rapid compliance with the stipulated orders, the U.S. will consider a range of enforcement options to bring about compliance with these important orders.

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## Fitial appoints Arriola to Zoning Board

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial recently appointed Edward Arriola, Jr. to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Zoning board.

*Saipan Tribune* obtained a copy of Fitial's letter addressed to Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb, chairman of the Third Senatorial District Legislative Delegation.

In the letter, Fitial expressed confidence in Arriola whom he described as "qualified" and "will be a valuable asset" to the Zoning board.

"His appointment and hopefully, subsequent confirmation by the Third Senatorial District Legislative Delegation will ensure consistency and continuity in fulfilling the goals and objectives in reliance to the mission of the Zoning Board," said Fitial in his letter.

In a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Arriola confirmed his appointment, saying that he is happy about it but he was quick to clarify that it would still be up to the Legislature to approve his nomination.

"Should the Saipan delegation appoint me, I'll do the best

that I can to help the people in the community of the CNMI," he added.

If Arriola's appointment receives confirmation from the delegation, he will serve a two-year term.

Arriola said he is now preparing all documents that may be needed by the delegation for his appointment.

According to Arriola, he welcomes the idea of working with the Zoning board, adding that he is eager to represent the private sector on the board.

"I would like to reach out to private businesses on Saipan," he said.

At present, Arriola serves as manager for the Tan Siu Lin Foundation. He also serves as the destination enhancement chairman of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Arriola used to work as press officer for the former Marianas Public Lands Authority, now called the Department of Public Lands.

The Zoning Board currently has five members: Herminia Fusco, Henry Hofschneider, Isidoro Cabrera, Elizabeth Rechebe, and Diego Blanco.

**Congratulations S.O.S. Winners from July 17th:**

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## LOCAL AUTHOR'S SERIES

This is a book about the Northern Mariana Islands, a group of islands in the Northwestern Pacific that voluntarily joined the American political family in 1978, under a commonwealth relationship. The islands were colonized previously by Spain, Germany, and Japan for about four centuries. After World War II, they were placed under trusteeship status by the United Nations. After three decades under U.N. trusteeship administered by the United States, the islands chose to become a permanent member of the American political family. This is the story of the islands during the trusteeship era and their first three decades of experience as a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

## About the author

Jose S. Dela Cruz was born and raised in the Northern Mariana Islands. He attended Mt. Carmel School while growing up on the island of Saipan. He is a 1974 graduate of Boalt Hall Law School, at the University of California, Berkeley. He served as the first chief justice of the Northern Mariana Islands Supreme Court, when it was established in 1989. He has since retired from the bench. He may be reached by e-mail at joedc1@yahoo.com.

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Jose S. Dela Cruz

CNMI Library Counsel, Library Friends and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will host a book-signing and presentation on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library to introduce the recently published book:

**From Colonization To Self-Government:  
The Northern Marianas Experience**

The book's author, retired justice Jose S. Dela Cruz, will talk about the book and his reasons for writing the book. He will then take questions from members of the audience present.

Afterwards, copies of the book will be available for sale.

Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the library.

He will make himself available for book signing.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Please contact KKPL at 235-READ (7323) For any questions.

## Mayor's office's temporary permit expires; no decision from DPL yet

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REPORTER

No decision has been made regarding the request of the Saipan Mayor's Office for the Department of Public Lands to extend their temporary license for the continued use of the Garapan Fishing Base.

As of press time yesterday, Mayor Donald Flores confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that they have not heard from DPL about their request.

DPL issued a temporary permit to the Saipan Mayor's Office for the use of the Garapan Fishing Base during the course of Liberation Day festivities. The area served as the venue for

carnival grounds and Liberation Day program.

The permit expired Friday, July 23.

In a letter dated July 6, Flores wrote DPL secretary Oscar Babauta to request for the continued use of the carnival grounds as a community event venue.

"With your approval we would like to leave the booths assembled to serve the purposes of concessions for any fairs," Flores said in his letter.

Flores also said the revenue generated from the concessions will be apportioned to the Saipan Mayor's Office and DPL.

In an interview with *Saipan*

*Tribune* last week, Babauta said the real estate division of DPL is working on the request.

According to Babauta, they have two contenders for the use of the Garapan Fishing Base. He said they are studying closely the two applications, taking into consideration other factors such as feasibility of the proposal, long-term investment plan, and financial liability.

"DPL is vigorously pursuing, investing in those public lands for the benefit of the indigent, Northern Marianas descent," Babauta said.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to reach Babauta to ask if any decision has been made but he could not be reached for comment.

## 6 students return from JSA Stanford summer school

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REPORTER

Six students from the Commonwealth recently completed four weeks of college-level courses at Stanford University as part of the U.S. Department of the Interior's JSA Summer Scholarship Program.

David Paek and Soo Jin Choi from Saipan Southern High School; Allyssa Arangorin and Keanna Villagomez from Kagman High School; Victoria Camacho from Mount Carmel School; and Brandon Lorenz from Grace Christian Academy were among the 28 scholarship recipients from Micronesia, Guam, the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

They attended classes about college-level courses such as American government, U.S. history, international relations, constitutional law, macroeconomics, U.S. foreign policy, politics and the media, and speech and political communication.

Yesterday, Paek and Arangorin shared the memorable experiences they had in meeting and mingling with hundreds of high school students from across the nation.

"It was a great experience for me. I have learned a lot from the courses and was able to meet new people...it's an experience that one can be truly proud of!" said 16-year-old Paek.

Throughout the four-week



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Allyssa Arangorin of Kagman High School and David Paek of Saipan Southern High School were among the six students from the islands who were accepted to the JSA Summer Scholarship program this year. They attended a four-week college-level course at Stanford University.

classes, he said scholars were provided valuable knowledge that would help them prepare for their future.

"From this summer program, I learned how to take risk...and communicate well with others," said 16-year-old Arangorin, describing program speakers and facilitators as exceptionally knowledgeable.

Both said sessions were also focused on how students are molded to become good and effective leaders.

"I feel like I can do more for myself...for my future...and for the community," said Paek.

Paek is the son of Soon Ok Paek and Hyun Ho Paek while

Arangorin is the daughter of Norbe and Manolo Arangorin.

Since 1991, the Junior Statesmen Foundation has collaborated with the U.S. DOI to identify, educate, and train over 1,700 outstanding high school students in territory and insular areas for the JSA Summer Programs.

Recipients of JSA scholarship were selected based on their essays, grades, leadership skills, involvement in the community, and interest in public service.

Each scholar received about \$7,000 worth of subsidy to pay for tuition and transportation costs to attend one of JSA's summer schools.

## Bridge Capital gives \$2.5K to Boy Scouts group

Saipan-based Bridge Capital LLC has donated \$2,500 to the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Aloha Branch of the Boy Scouts of America has earmarked the donation to help pay for their upcoming 2010 CNMI District Summer Camp Program, which will be held July 25-Aug. 1.

The group expects about 200 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to participate.

The camp will offer the CNMI's youth the educational environment that will instill good character, training in the responsibilities of participating citizens, opportunities for learning and developing leadership skills, and activities promoting good moral, mental, and physical fitness.

In a statement issued yesterday, Bridge Capital said it is a strong supporter of community projects, specifically those benefiting the Commonwealth's

youth. The company is involved in a wide range of community activities and makes significant contributions to non-profits and charitable organizations serving the commonwealth.

"Bridge Capital is committed to being a good corporate citizen and a partner in making the CNMI the best it can be," the statement adds.

Bridge Capital, LLC is an international investment banking and asset management company in the CNMI. (PR)



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### Invitation for Bid PSS IFB 10-090

### JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR PSS HEADSTART PROGRAM

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for Janitorial Services for the PSS Head Start Program. The Scope of Work is available beginning on July 20, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950

Questions should be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer to fax no (670) 664-3971 or e-mailed to [robert.florian@cnmipss.org](mailto:robert.florian@cnmipss.org)

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid meeting for Inspection of all Classrooms, Resource Centers and Offices on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 9:00 am. at the Head Start Administrative Office on Capitol Hill. Bids submitted by bidders who do not attend this meeting will be rejected,

All bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-090" containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than **August 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**, at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted

**/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.**  
Commissioner of Education

**/S/ Robert Florian**  
Procurement & Supply Officer



# Koblerville lot cleared of illegally dumped garbage

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REPORTER

Koblerville resident Daniel Durkin has been on a mission in the last few months: to have an illegal dumping site near his family's home cleaned up. Durkin went from one government agency to another to report the sorry state of the area and to have somebody—anybody—haul off the trash.

He finally got his wish yesterday when a team of representatives from various government agencies went to their village with heavy equipment to haul piles of trash that have been illegally dumped in their neighborhood.

The team was composed of Raymond A. Cruz, compliance director of the Department of

Public Lands; Dennis Davis, field operations manager of the Department of Public Works; Albert Remoket, DPW Roads and Grounds Division representative; Luis T. Duenas, chief enforcement officer of the Coastal Resources Manager; and Benjamin Norita, CRM enforcement officer.

Cruz said the Division of Environmental Quality handed over to them the task of removing the garbage in the area since it is public land. Most of the garbage consisted of old appliances, furniture, junk cars, plastic debris, and dead animals.

The illegal disposal of garbage on public lands on the island has become a serious problem, said Cruz.

Davis acknowledged a current



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Koblerville resident Daniel Durkin poses with the team of government agency representatives that hauled the illegally dumped garbage in their neighborhood. With Durkin are Raymond A. Cruz, compliance director of the Department of Public Lands; Dennis Davis, field operations manager of the Department of Public Works; Albert Remoket, DPW Roads and Grounds Division representative; Luis T. Duenas, chief enforcement officer of the Coastal Resources Manager; and Benjamin Norita, CRM enforcement officer.

## ABC Radio Australia set to launch 24-hour FM radio service in Koror

Starting Aug. 1, if you live in Palau's busy central district of Koror, you will be able to connect to ABC Radio Australia's newest 24-hour Pacific service on 91.5FM.

ABC International director Murray Green will officially launch 91.5FM, accompanied by popular Radio Australia presenter Clement Paligaru, at the Palau Pacific Resort on July 30.

The new service was made possible by working in close partnership with the Palau Ministry of State, and continues to build on Radio Australia's dedicated Pacific FM radio network.

"We are finally able to reach our listeners in Palau via FM broadcast and provide a high quality informative and entertaining service. We are delighted to welcome Palau to our growing network of 24-hour FM services in the Pacific and provide a 24-hour radio service that has the ability to connect the thoughts, attitudes, experiences and issues facing people all across the Pacific, from the Cook Islands in Polynesia all the way to Palau in Micronesia," said Dr. Mike McCluskey, chief executive of Radio Australia.

Radio Australia's 91.5FM will deliver programming in Koror and surrounding areas, enabling local audiences to connect to a diverse choice of Pacific focused programs that have thus far been available only via shortwave.

Radio Australia is part of the ABC's International division and is a radio and online service broadcasting 24-hours a day across Asia and the Pacific and together with Australia Network Television, connects Australia with audiences in the Pacific.

Radio Australia now has a network of 12 FM relays in the Pacific broadcasting 24 hours a day: Palau • Koror • 91.5FM; PNG • Port Moresby • 101.9FM • Lae • 102.1FM; Solomon Islands • Honiara • 107FM; Vanuatu • Port Vila • Santo • 103FM; Fiji • Suva &

Nadi • 92.6FM (suspended until further notice); Samoa • Apia • 102FM; Tonga • Nuku'alofa • 103FM; Cooks Islands • Rarotonga • 93FM; Kiribati • Tarawa • 90FM. (PR)

regulation that penalizes illegal garbage disposal. "We have a law against littering and there's a fine that comes with it. [But] the guys that have been doing this are getting away with it," he said.

"I think the agency that has the citation powers is DEQ. They should be the ones polic-

ing this," said Cruz.

Even with the littering control program of the DEQ and its enforcement powers, Cruz said the government still needs the cooperation of the public to help maintain the island's sanitation.

"Be responsible for your own trash. Dispose [of] it properly,"

he added.

Davis said the public should realize that Saipan is their home so they should set a good example. "When visitors see trash all over the place, it does not send out a good message about our island," he said.

Now that his issue with the

garbage in their neighborhood has been addressed, Durkin is asking for community members to help one another in beautifying Saipan.

"I pray for everybody here in the CNMI to come and help me in pursuing my dream to keep this island clean," he said.

## 2010 – 2011 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System Central Office

### PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2010-2011 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$1.70 at elementary schools and \$2.10 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$2.70 at elementary schools and \$3.25 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name and return the application to the school office. If any of the students do not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying verification documents.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located on the third floor of the NMI Retirement Building.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free or reduced price meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the school for more information.

2010-2011 Application For Free School Meals—CNMI Public School System—Food and Nutrition Services

**Part 1: List each student's name and information. List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable.**

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade	School Name	Food Stamp # (if applicable)	SSI or other income to child (if applicable)
1.					\$
2.					\$
3.					\$
4.					\$
5.					\$
6.					\$
7.					\$
8.					\$

**Part 2: List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in Part 1. Report all current income received last month. Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.**

**Names of All Household Members** (Do not include students listed in Part 1)

Last Name	First Name	Relationship	Household Gross Income	Any other income
1.			\$	\$
2.			\$	\$
3.			\$	\$
4.			\$	\$
5.			\$	\$

**Part 3: Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved.**

I certify (promise) that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds, that PSS officials may verify (check) the information on the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable Commonwealth or Federal laws and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (if none, write "none"): \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

For PSS Food and Nutrition Office use, please do not write in this shaded area.

Categorical Eligibility: NAP \_\_\_\_\_ Income \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary until: \_\_\_\_\_ DYS \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33 Bi-weekly x 2.15 Twice a month x 2 Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ FNS Administrator, Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

**Instructions:**

- List the names and info of each child attending school.
- List the names of all other members of the household and any income.
- One of the legal guardians listed in Part 2 must sign and date the form.

2010-2011 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals. Please note that these guidelines are subject to change after July 1, 2010.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 14,079	\$ 1,174	\$ 587	\$ 542	\$ 271
2	18,941	1,579	790	729	365
3	23,803	1,984	992	916	458
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832
8	48,113	4,010	2,005	1,851	926
Add'l member, Add.....	+ 4,682	+ 406	+ 203	+ 187	+ 94

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children who received free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 7, 2010. **To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 24, 2010.**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 237-2053/3060/3058/3050/3033/3055 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042



## 22 boys in FSM take part in 'Camp Boys to Men'

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REPORTER

Twenty-two male eighth graders from four different islands of the Satawan Atoll—Satawan, Kuttu, Ta, and Moch—participated in the first ever Camp Boys to Men held from June 16 to 19 on Moch Island in the Mortlocks region of Chuuk State of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The camp focused on the importance of attending high school and related study skills; abstinence and HIV/AIDS education and healthy relationships; and substance abuse and mental health awareness.

The four-day camp was a project spearheaded by Alex Plum, a Peace Corps volunteer in Micronesia, to reach out and address the issues and challenges facing young men as they grow up. The camp was co-facilitated by fellow volunteers Trevor Ramsey-Macomber, and Dan Lebednik along with four other camp counselors.

Camp Boys to Men was made possible through a grant from the Direct Aid Program of the Australian government.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Participants and organizers of the Camp Boys to Men held on June 16 to 19 pose for a group photo after the event. Twenty-two eighth graders from the islands of Satawan, Kuttu, Tu, and Moch participated in the camp which focused on the importance of attending high school and related study skills; abstinence and HIV/AIDS education and healthy relationships and substance abuse and mental health awareness.

Through the grant, the Peace Corps volunteers were able to provide educational supplies, recreational materials, trans-

portation, food, and honorariums for the participants and camp workers.

The boys participated in learner-centered workshops that discussed the three topics. Team-building activities such as volleyball, soccer, and capture the flag were also conducted after the group morning sessions.

In their free time, participants were able to interact with one another by playing chess, card games, swimming, and by simply hanging out with one another.

Lebednik, one of the Peace Corps Volunteers, said they realized the camp was a new concept for the community.

"Learner-focused discussions, youth involvement, and opportunities for their own leadership just haven't been presented to them before. So it was huge that they could take the next step in their maturity," he added.

Ramsey-Macomber believes the camp was a success because of the new friendships that were formed during the camp.

Participants were each given a shirt at the end of the camp.

Plum recognized the municipal government of Moch Island and the Moch school community for their willingness to host the camp "and get these young men of the Mortlocks off on a good foot."

## Ex-convict accused of burglarizing employer gets six-month jail term

The federal court on Friday sentenced to six months in prison an ex-convict who, while on federal probation, violated the terms of his supervised release, including allegations that he burglarized his then employer, Saint Michael's Medical Response.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan revoked the probation of Jesse Mafnas Babauta and sentenced him to six months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release.

During his supervised release, Babauta will be prohibited from entering into any poker rooms or participating in any gambling activities.

Bryan ordered Babauta to pay \$1,250 in restitution to St. Michael's Emergency Response and \$180 to LF Market in Chalan Kanoa (in addition to restitution already outlined in the original judgment against him).

At the hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler recommended that Babauta's probation be revoked, that he be imprisoned for six months and

placed on 24 months of supervised release with restitution. Babauta's court-appointed counsel asked for home detention and supervised release.

Babauta was convicted of mail fraud in March this year for defrauding a Chinese national with promises of bringing the Chinese man's daughter to Saipan from Fujian Province in exchange for payment. Persons from the Fujian Province cannot lawfully enter the CNMI without advance written permission from the CNMI Office of the Attorney General.

Babauta was ordered to serve a three-year probation with the condition that he complete 120 days of weekend detention prior to the expiration of his term.

The U.S. Probation's Office stated that, on May 12, 2010, the president and owner of Saint Michael's Medical Response reported that Babauta was suspected of stealing the company's checks. Some of the checks were forged and cashed in different stores on Saipan. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 27, 1999

### Language barrier can be overcome

It may be hard at first for second language learners to compete with their English-speaking peers in the class, but the language barrier can be overcome if teachers apply the proper teaching method, according to visiting scholars. "Sometimes, [second language learners] fall behind in reading and writing, not because they are not bright but because it's difficult for them to maximize their potentials due to lack of language comprehension" said Alfredo Schifini, professor of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of California State. "What we try to do is give them basic reading in English," he said. Shifini said the proper method to deal with language barrier is to build up the children's vocabulary and "make sense of what they read by developing English as their second language."

### CNMI hails congressional probe of Interior officials

Commonwealth leaders yesterday hailed efforts by the U.S. House Resources Committee to investigate alleged violations of the Hatch Act by some Department of the Interior officials over their conduct related to the Northern Marianas labor situation. Chairman Dan Young (R-Alaska) has summoned Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Office of the Insular Affairs acting Director Ferdinand Aranza and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) for the probe in a subpoena issued early this month. To avoid being cited for contempt by the Congress, Aranza has turned over records contained in the OIA computer software and hardware to the committee, which may prove charges that its public affairs officer David North used government time and resources to provide damaging information to DCCC about some Republican lawmakers.

July 27, 2000

### House pursues hiring of Preston Gates

The House of Representatives yesterday stepped up efforts to persuade Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to hire lobbyists for the CNMI amid renewed attempts in the U.S. Congress to amend provisions of the Covenant that will impact on the islands' economy. Lawmakers specifically sought for immediate hiring of Preston, Gates, Ellis & Rouvelas, Meeds to undertake the lobbying campaign, saying that the governor must use his spending power to earmark necessary funding for such purpose. Commenting on the move, Mr. Tenorio appeared inclined to granting the request as he underscored the importance of lobbyists in protecting local interests in Washington D.C.

### New tax system increases collection efficiency

Faced with pressures to refill stressed public coffers, the Department of Finance is fast-tracking the installation of a new tax system eyed to improve the government's revenue collection capabilities and reduce margin of errors in the processing of tax returns. According to Finance Secretary Lucy G. Nielsen, implementation of the new CNMI tax system is expected to be completed by next year since it is already over 75 percent complete. "We may be required to take another year to complete the automation project. We are excited about this new system, and we are of course looking at operating the hardware in another two years after the software is completely installed," Ms. Nielsen said.

July 27, 2001

### Computer virus threatens privacy

Imagine intimate details of your personal electronic correspondences falling into the purview of every person in your e-mail contact list—classified reports and documents landing on the wrong hands. This embarrassing tragedy almost hit hundreds of Microsoft Outlook e-mail users in the Northern Marianas with the recent spread of a malicious computer virus known as "Sircam." After preying on e-mail users in Europe and other countries, e-mail enthusiasts in the Northern Marianas have apparently become the target of this worm-type virus believed to be capable of automatically replicating confidential messages and sending it to multiple e-mail accounts.

### Govt to decide on landfill bidding protest in 10 days

The court battle involving the Marpi landfill project is now over, tossing a bidding protest back to the Procurement and Supply Division that vowed to render a decision within the next ten days. This developed as the clamor to close the Puerto Rico dumpsite remains strong from different sectors, including the judge who handled the case. The Puerto Rico dumpsite may just take over a year to fill to the maximum level, according to a study. The Superior Court yesterday dismissed the Motion for Preliminary Injunction filed by Western Equipment, Inc. and DRC Pacific Corporation, affirming the agreement that the consortium entered into with the defendants—Public Works Secretary Juan B. Cepeda and Procurement and Supply Director Herman S. Sablan.

## Can you identify?

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Saipan Tribune, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.



If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database, which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.



The persons featured in last week's photo have been identified as, from left, Catherine Tudela Flores (Lam); Barbara Tudela Flores; and Victor Tudela Flores. Photo taken circa 1977. Identified by Alvin Hofschneider, Tom J. Camacho, Frannie Salas, Kaipat 12, Mariano Camacho, Antonio T. Torres, Gloria Reyes, Carmen T. Cabrera and Cathy F. Lam.



# GTA: FCC broadband report shows no unserved areas in Guam

» 'Broadband stimulus funding sought for Guam should go to needy areas such as CNMI'

**TAMUNING, Guam**—GTA TeleGuam said Monday that a new Federal Communications Commission report on broadband deployment highlights the need for federal regulators to funnel broadband stimulus funding to areas of greatest need

instead of building duplicate high-speed networks in already competitive market areas.

According to the FCC report released last week, one out of three counties in the United States and its territories is unserved by broadband. Within

## Labor awards back wages to electrician, but moves to revoke his umbrella permit

The Department of Labor has awarded back wages to an electrician but it also determined that his termination was justified and moved to revoke his umbrella permit.

Labor administrative hearing officer Jerry Cody ordered Misamis Construction (Saipan) Ltd. to pay \$3,402 in contractual damages to Macario Y. Mauricio for work not provided in violation of his contract.

Cody denied Mauricio's request to transfer to a new employer and referred the matter to Labor's Enforcement Section for proceedings to revoke his umbrella permit.

Cody determined that Mauricio was deprived of work from Feb. 11, 2009, until about one week prior to his termination when Misamis operations manager Barrie Ladd told him to report to the company.

The hearing officer said the worker, however, failed to prove that his termination for abandonment was wrongful.

Cody said the evidence supports Misamis' defense that the termination was justified as it resulted from Mauricio's failure to report to work. He determined Ladd's testimony as more credible.

Cody said Mauricio violated provisions of Public Law 15-108, mandating that employees should promptly report potential labor disputes to Labor.

"Yet this employee failed to complain to the department for eight months about not being given work, and even then, only complained after he was terminated. Based on the facts

presented, there is no legal justification to grant transfer relief," Cody said.

The hearing officer found Misamis and Mauricio both at fault for failing to report this potential labor dispute to Labor in a prompt manner.

Misamis agreed to hire Mauricio as an electrician in September 2008. After a project ended in November 2008, Misamis did not have work for Mauricio for the remainder of 2008 and the first part of 2009.

The company's manager, Emily Casaje, said that she tried to find work for Mauricio but that no company would accept him because of his age.

Neither Misamis nor Mauricio complained to Labor about their situation for seven or eight months.

Ladd issued a termination letter to Mauricio on July 15, 2009, after he became convinced that Mauricio was working for another company.

When Mauricio failed to appear within several days, Ladd said he decided to terminate him.

In his order, Cody said the circumstantial evidence of this case establishes suspect conduct on both Misamis and Mauricio.

"The evidence suggests that at the time the contract was signed, both parties entered into an understanding that employer would obtain a permit for complainant and provide him work on a sporadic, as needed-basis; and in return, employee would make himself available for work on a similar as-needed basis," Cody said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

the unserved areas are 24 million people living in 8.9 million households with lower income levels than the nation as a whole.

The latest and most comprehensive report shows no unserved areas in Guam. However, three areas in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands—Saipan, Tinian and Rota—lack broadband infrastructure. Also, the FCC excluded two county equivalent areas in CNMI because of data irregularities.

The FCC estimates that 1,024 out of 3,230 U.S. counties and territories are unserved by broadband. The minimum speed threshold for broadband is 4Mbps downstream and 1Mbps upstream.

"Privatization and competition have given Guam affordable choices and a world-class

communications infrastructure," said Daniel J. Tydingco, executive vice president of external and legal affairs for GTA TeleGuam. "Broadband stimulus funding sought for Guam should go to needy areas such as CNMI."

"Broadband is lacking where there is limited or no competition and where incumbent providers have little incentive to make adequate investments so they can maintain profit margins," Tydingco said. "Unfortunately, in these poor areas broadband access is limited or not affordable, stifling economic growth and expansion."

Tydingco said DSL costs in CNMI are two to three times higher than Guam. He said a basic T-1 connection from Guam to Saipan costs about \$6,000 a month. This is the cost for a STM-1 connection

(equivalent to 100 T-1's) from Guam to Los Angeles.

Unlike CNMI, competition on Guam is fierce. Guam has two aggressive wireline-based broadband providers and four wireless carriers that blanket the island with their broadband coverage. There are 12 submarine cables with landing points on Guam, offering choice and route diversity.

"Communications providers on Guam have made demonstrable progress in infrastructure deployment and investment on the island," Tydingco said, noting that GTA TeleGuam alone has invested more than \$75 million since the Government of Guam privatized the company in January 2005. Another \$10 million is planned for 2010.

GTA TeleGuam contends that nearly \$100 million in stimulus funding sought for Guam will

tilt the competitive playing field in favor of one company and return Guam to pre-privatization days of high rates, slow innovation and poor service.

"A taxpayer-funded public overbuild of communications infrastructure on Guam will jeopardize competition, risk current and new investments on the island, and it will cost Guam a net-loss of good-paying telecom jobs," Tydingco said.

Last May, GTA TeleGuam formally asked the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to reject an \$89.7 million second round funding request for Guam. NTIA previously approved a round-one request for \$8 million to the same company.

A decision on the second broadband stimulus funding request is expected by Sept. 30. *(PR)*

## Second Saturday Strides: A call for volunteers

The Commonwealth Cancer Association announced yesterday its plans to launch *Second Saturday Strides* starting in August, and is calling for volunteers.

*Second Saturday Strides* are monthly 3K fun runs/walks to raise funds for cancer programs and promote healthy physical activity in the community.

The *Strides* will be held on the second Saturday of every month, starting on Aug. 14, 2010. Volunteers are needed to help plan and promote the event, sign up sponsors, register participants, and assist at the aid stations. Exhibitions promoting a healthy lifestyle will also be solicited and encouraged.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is a community-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicating to promoting public awareness about cancer prevention and screening, and providing support for cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

For more information about

*Second Saturday Strides* or the Commonwealth Cancer Association, and to find out how you can help, contact CCA Fundraising Committee chair Jocelyn Deleon Guerrero at [jocelyndlg@yahoo.com](mailto:jocelyndlg@yahoo.com) or CCA program manager Tina Sablan at 682-0050, or email [cca@ccamarianas.org](mailto:cca@ccamarianas.org). *(PR)*



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday to Mone Banno, a 10-year-old girl from Japan, who is celebrating her birthday today, July 26! May you be blessed with many, many more birthdays to come! Much love coming from your 2K11 crew, Mr. Cabrera, and Mr. Charisma.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday greetings go out to Mone Banno, a 10-year-old girl from Japan, who is celebrating her birthday today, July 27, 2000. She is shown here with her younger sister, Rune Banno, who is 4 years old. The two are on Saipan to attend summer school for a month. This is their first time to visit the island and they said they enjoy attending summer school. "We are very happy to enjoy a birthday party in Saipan and will be back to Saipan in near the future," said their father, Kazunori Nakamura.



### PAWS CORNER

## PAWS meeting this Thursday

PAWS will be hosting a general meeting, open to the public, on Thursday, July 29, 2010, at Shenanigan's in Garapan at 5:30pm, to solicit volunteers for the organization.

PAWS is currently undergoing a change in board members. President Katie Busenkell will be resigning in mid-August because she is moving off-island. Board member Ron Smith will also be resigning in order to pursue other volunteer commitments. The only board member remaining with the organization will be Bobbi Grizzard, who has acted as Treasurer since 1993 when the organization was first established.

"I'm not leaving the organization or closing its doors," said Bobbi Grizzard. "We'll just have to limp along until new energy shows up on the island."

Volunteers are needed to answer calls to the PAWS hotline (285-PAWS), pick-up and/or advertise unwanted and abandoned animals, and reach out to the public.

If you are interested in volunteering for PAWS, in any capacity, please call 285-PAWS, email Bobbi Grizzard at [bobbi.grizzard@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.grizzard@gmail.com), or simply come to the meeting at Shenanigan's on July 29, 2010, at 5:30pm. *(PR)*

### RIMPAC EXERCISE

PACIFIC OCEAN—Members of Maritime Safety and Security Team Honolulu (91107) conduct a vertical insertion exercise aboard USS *Freedom* during the 22nd biennial RIMPAC, on July 7, 2010. RIMPAC is the world's largest multinational maritime exercise, with 14 nations, 32 ships and over 20,000 personnel taking part this year.

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# EDITORIAL

# Wanted: Serious people to make financial regulation work

The committee that designed this camel was heavily influenced by the camel industry. So the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010 generally leaves the balance of power over American economic security in private hands.

■ It places authority for regulators to wind down failing financial institutions as well as other firms that pose a systemic risk to the economy.

- It gives regulators some control over the trading of complex financial instruments known as derivatives.

- It allows regulators to impose capital requirements on financial institutions that operate too far on the margin.

- It creates a Financial Stability Oversight Council, housed at the Federal Reserve, to oversee the entire financial system. Institutions that get "too big to fail" can be broken up.

Two major failures must be addressed. The bill does not crack down on the credit ratings agencies that blithely signed off on many worthless financial products. And the obligations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the federally chartered mortgage companies that played a key role in the mortgage crisis, must be resolved.

In short, the bill may be useful only insofar as strong regulators can summon the guts to challenge powerful financial interests and their enablers in Congress.

Which brings us to the immediate issue. One of the bill's signal successes is the creation of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. It will have regulatory authority over credit cards, mortgages, payday loans and other financial products that many Americans encounter every day.

Given strong and aggressive leadership, the new bureau could give American consumers an ally against predatory lenders, mortgage fraud, opaque and misleading loans—even bank fees. Naturally, the consumer financial industry doesn't want someone tough watching over the sandbox.

Obama's best choice to head this bureau would be the woman whose idea it was: Harvard professor Elizabeth Warren. For the last 18 months, she has been heading the Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program and speaking more economic sense than anyone else in Washington.

"If you don't talk about families," she told the Boston Globe last year, "then it's easy to dismember subprime mortgages and asset securitization and unemployment rates without remembering that every one of those numbers is a million families."

The industry has its knives out for Ms. Warren, who speaks truth to power in ways that make Washington insiders cringe. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., the Senate sponsor of the financial regulatory bill, on Monday raised doubts that Warren could be confirmed by the Senate if Obama appointed her to the job.

The new law allows her to be appointed until 2011 by recess appointment without Senate confirmation. Obama should do so immediately. If the strength of the financial regulatory bill lies in the willingness of regulators to regulate, her appointment would be a powerful signal of hope and change.

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## ALL IN GOOD TIME

# The Time Capsule of Cupaloy: 4,929 years from now

*Second of a five-part series*

The Time Capsule buried in New York in 1939—not to be opened for 5,000 years or until the year 6939—contained a wide variety of information and items for future discovery.

Books describing the Capsule and its location were placed in libraries throughout the world with the message "that whoever reads the messages in the books will cherish and preserve them through the ages, and translate the contents from time to time into new languages that may arise in order that the knowledge of the Time Capsule of Cupaloy may be handed down to those for whom it is intended. 'We likewise ask: let the Time Capsule rest in the earth until its time shall come; let none dig it up for curiosity or for any other reason. It is a message from one age to another, and none should touch it in the years lie between.'"

The planners of the Capsule realized that certainly many of the perishable things of our culture will have been lost in the course of time, unless special efforts were made to preserve them.

In these matters the Capsule planners sought the counsel of archeologists, historians, metallurgists, engineers, chemists, geophysicists and others possessing technical expertise. They gave much study not only to the selection of the items to be preserved, but also to methods of preserving them for so long a time and also to leaving descriptive messages in repositories about them and the Capsule location. Their first concern was the construction of the Capsule itself, a problem of great complexity. Their experience with artificial materials was acknowledged to be too short to provide certain knowledge of their ability to withstand the corrosive effects of thousands of years, yet the older mineral materials, including stone and glass, were considered too brittle and too difficult to work and were liable to breakage from pressure or earthquake and too difficult to detect when buried in the earth.

It was decided that the best possible material would be a metallic alloy of highly corrosion resistance and considerable hardness of a nonferrous nature, and preferably containing a high percentage of copper. Of all the tools used by ancient peoples, those of stone and copper have come down to us from farthest in the past.

It was believed by the planners that a properly constructed Capsule of Cupaloy would withstand the naturally destructive forces of 5,000 years, and by its strength protect the contents from the accidents of time.

The inner crypt of the Capsule is a Pyrex glass envelop embedded in a petroleum base wax enclosed in the glass receptacle, from which all air has been exhausted.

**By WILLIAM H. STEWART**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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When the time comes to dig for the Time Capsule the appointed years will be, according to our common way of reckoning time, the 6,939th year since the birth of Christ. According to the Jewish calendar it will be the year 10699. According to the Chinese, the 36th year of the 160th cycle; according to the Islamic, the 6,469th year since the birth of the Prophet; according to the Buddhist, the 7,502 year since the birth of Buddha; according to Shinto, the 7,599th year since the birth of the first emperor, Jimmu Tenno.

If none of the ways of reckoning the years survive, the date may still be determined by calculation from astronomical data. In the year 1939 there were two eclipses of the moon falling respectively on May 3 and Oct. 28 as well as two eclipses of the sun—an annular eclipse on April 19 with the path of the eclipse grazing the North Pole of the Earth and a total eclipse on Oct. 12 the total path crossing near the South Pole.

It was the opinion of the astronomers of the day that such a combination of astronomical events was unlikely to occur for many thousands of years.

By computing backward from their time, people of the future would therefore be able to determine the number of years that elapsed since 1939.

It may be that shifts of the Earth's poles, differences in methods, or other causes, the calculation will still not give the exact spot. Because of the softness of the soil the Capsule may have settled to a greater depth. This possibility must be taken into account.

When located, a problem will still remain, for if the land is swampy and wet, adequate methods must be devised to recover it. The Capsule may be raised by sinking a caisson of such a type as to hold back mud and water during excavation. Should this prove inexpedient, it may be possible to freeze the soil by cold brine circulating in pipes driven into the earth around the site. When the soil is frozen it may then be dug in the same manner as hard earth.

Instructions note that when brought up out of the ground, the finders should take care lest in their eagerness they spoil the contents by

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

# Things to consider

*Editor's Note: Due to the length of this letter, it is being published as a two-part series. It will be continued tomorrow.*

The issue about granting status to alien workers in the CNMI is waking up the interest of the indigenous people to speak out and to take a more radical participation in formulating the answer to the question about the immigration of aliens into the CNMI who are seeking employment or are presently employed in these islands. Your paper's article, "Clash of views on status for alien workers" is a case in point, but nonetheless there it is a show of voices and the media is ready to pick up and deliver the story for the interested readers.

Is there such a thing as a "right" for an alien who entered into a contract for employment and was employed in the CNMI that would rise to a right of citizenship or permanent resident status because of such a contract? Does the contractual right for employment by an alien justify a right to citizenship or permanent residency? The CNMI sovereignty was not a party to deals in employment contracts. Why is this now the issue, and to what extent should the sovereign should be dragged into the deals between an alien worker and employer? This is the first premise that should be examined in the argument pertaining to the granting of improved immigration status to aliens in the CNMI.

In all employment contract deals for employment in the CNMI there should in all cases and in every situation exist a contract between an alien and a legitimate employer in the CNMI. The focus should take account of the basic issues, i.e., the "employment contract" and "contractual rights" of parties to employment contracts. The parties to an employment contract negotiated and bargained their deals in formal agreement. There should be no more rights than that for it to give rise to a permanent resident status or elevated right to U.S. citizenship for that matter.

The idea to make permanent the stay of some 20,000 aliens presently employed in the CNMI is the equivalent of placing 250 million undocumented or illegal aliens in the continental United States. It is estimated that some 12.5 million undocumented illegal aliens are in the U.S. Presently, 59 percent of the American people object and view as not acceptable the granting of U.S. citizenship or amnesty to these illegal and undocumented aliens who entered and are presently residing in the United States. Certainly, the indigenous people of the CNMI who are sovereign in these political and governmental jurisdictions and islands would not favor that an overwhelming non-indigenous people would now permanently stay and reside on

# We need each other

I find it so unfair for the people of the CNMI to pay for this immigration takeover fiasco, which was created by some groups who claim they represent us and went to Washington exploiting all the crimes done by some leaders, guest workers, and residents.

People of the CNMI, everything that is being reported may be true, but in the CNMI's court of law, if these abuse and human trafficking were reported, I'm sure they would be taken cared off, and if it was being controlled by elected leaders, then I feel that we as a good citizens of the CNMI who are being included on this debate don't deserve to be treated this way, nor those guest workers who were not abused. I think it's time to unite and request that these causes be published so that we know who is responsible in starting this fiasco, and bring these group to justice. Why should we suffer for the mistake and problems they created?

Guest workers, do you think that if you're granted U.S. citizenship, you would be given a chance to save money to pay for your immigration fees? Or there is a guarantee that you'll become U.S. citizens right away without an investigation?

# Use of multi-purpose center

Apparently, the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe can only serve one purpose at a time. This past Thursday afternoon, a visiting law professor from Hofstra University in New York was forced to stand under a makeshift tent outside the Multi-Purpose Center to make her presentation—and forced to end it early for lack of lighting—because the Center had been double-booked, and somehow it was decided that her talk, rather than the other program, should be the one not accommodated.

The other program? A hearing by three members of a CNMI government agency that was attended by only four members of the pub-

these islands. Placing these classes of people in permanent status on the islands is not a natural process of population growth and the sovereign indigenous people in these islands have every right to object because the social and political impacts will be irreversible on the livelihood of the future generations of indigenous people. No one can fault the sovereign people of these islands to have such a distinct and just sentiment of thoughts and predisposition to object to aliens taking away what we have and wish to preserve for our kind and our children.

The question is: Do aliens on these islands have the right to denigrate the indigenous people and make them a minority on their own islands? This is not just thinking in the present time, but it certainly makes the case for the future of the indigenous people. If this is selfishness, then so be it. But nations like Japan, Philippines, India, Bangladesh, Korea, Thailand, or any sovereign nations would fight to retain their nationalistic presence and to keep what they have and hold them for their future generations. Do I fault these nations for having such a nationalistic view? All nations have their own borders, and they will defend it to the death. I, too, have my own border, and I will fight to the end to keep it the way it was given to me by my ancestors. This is not discriminatory, but it is a sense of pride and heritage to keep what I have and what I want to be. These islands are indigenous to the Chamorro and Carolinian people.

The thinking that the aliens on these islands have helped its economic development and growth since the mid-'80s is just one aspect of the equation. Their contributions may be true, but on the other hand, these same aliens also contributed to many social problems. We do share some economic good, but at the same time we should not discount the fact that the stress and burden to the infrastructure of the CNMI was also because of the over-population that resulted from the garment industry and the tourism industry. While the indigenous population benefited, there were also tremendous problems that affected the social fabric of these islands. Even today it continues to burden and pull down the meager resources of the government. The social aspect of the argument is a topic for another time and discussion, but indeed it is a matter that would not just fade away even if we turn away all the excess of aliens on these islands.

*To be continued tomorrow.*

**Francisco R. Agulto**

*Chalan Kanoa, Saipan*

CNMI resident, do you think if we come together that the U.S. immigration would listen to us when our leaders who are involved in these crimes are still in office?

All these alleged abuses against guest workers are also being practice in their own countries, yet why are they not being punished? Is it fair that as good citizens we pay for this crimes committed by crooks? Is the Department of Homeland Security picking on us because we are an under-populated, defenseless state?

I think it's time to take these people to court and sue them for misrepresenting the citizens of CNMI and its government.

Can't you see? Guest workers and indigenous people are attacking each other, while these crooks are making money from us and getting their way. Have you forgotten that we need each other to make this system work? Why want something you're not sure you'll get?

Follow your good instinct and do what's good for everyone.

**Winnie Atalig**

*San Jose Tinian*

lic. The hearing was held inside, in the air-conditioned auditorium.

No one could explain why the hearing wasn't moved to the smaller room inside the Center, to allow Professor Rose C. Villazor to use the auditorium make her presentation on immigration law to a much larger group of guest workers, businessmen and advocates.

At the very least, it would seem that someone owes the law professor an apology.

**Ruth L. Tighe**

*Tanapag, Saipan*

rosion, then carefully cut at the deeply scored groove provided to guide the saw, bringing truth to the Biblical passage: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Job 14-14

*To be continued.*

# A higher issue

Preemption as pointed out by a variety of experts is now a common word among laymen. All, I am certain, are now well versed on the word's precise definition. However, while I appreciate the experts' contribution to my deeper understanding of the word, I find it bothersome that it is not used relative to our unique relationship with the United States especially in the three areas of exemption provided in the Covenant that established our relationship. One of those exemptions is the applicability of some immigration laws to the Commonwealth. Preemption, as I understood it, relates to the supremacy of federal laws over state laws. My question then is how can laws of the CNMI regulating immigration be subordinate to federal immigration laws that are not applicable in the first place?

At this point, I am still holding out a verdict on the legality of Congress' decision to make federal immigration laws applicable in the CNMI. The language in Section 501 subsection (a) of the Covenant is very clear: "To the extent that they are not applicable of their own force...provisions of or amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which do not apply of their own force within the Northern Mariana Islands, will be applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands *only with the approval of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands and of the Government of the United States.*" It would follow then that albeit Congress is given the authority to enact laws regulating immigration, it has relinquished part of its authority over the CNMI immigration by approving the Covenant that exempts the CNMI from U.S. immigration laws applicability except in three instances provided in Section 506, subsections (a), (b) and (c).

It seems to me, that notwithstanding the provision in Section 503, "The following laws of the United States, presently inapplicable to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, will not apply to the Northern Mariana Islands except in the manner and to the extent made applicable to them by the Congress by law after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement," the congressional act making the U.S. immigration laws applicable to the CNMI must first be approved by the CNMI government pursuant to Section 501. It cannot and ought not be allowed to act alone and arbitrarily.

In my humble and perhaps misguided opinion, this is an issue that must be addressed and resolved first before we address the impact of the U.S. immigration laws' application to our social-economic development. We can debate until we are blue in the face but, without a leg to stand on, there is nothing we can accomplish for or against the status of alien workers in the CNMI.

We were led to believe that the foundation of our very existence is solid as it is a child of the U.S. Constitution. Now it appears to be eroding (rather quickly, I might add) to the point of uselessness, much like the sandbag levy against the constant abuse of waves pounding the coast of New Orleans and the more fortified water breaker supposedly protecting Tinian harbor.

Meanwhile, and on a different subject, I beg the CNMI Legislature to back off from the challenges that the Northern Marianas College is facing. Your intent may be good, but I think your "assistance" will prove to be more detrimental than helpful. Have faith in your Board of Regent. You confirmed them. Let the esteemed members hash this out on their own and show the accreditation committee that they are a group of people who can live up to the committee's and our expectations. This is just "growing pain" and there are times when "reason" is more persuasive than "might." This, I think, is another instance when "reason" is more appropriate than "force"—no matter how gentle.

**Juanita M. Mendiola**

*Marpo Valley, Tinian*

# The next question

There is \$500,000 now for the Visitors Center. Now the question should be: Where is the best location for this center to be situated?

Let's look at the facts. I believe that the main factor that led to the establishment of a national monument is the diversity of wildlife. Which island can be clearly identified for her fauna and flora, marine resources and distance to actual identified national monument?

Rota is full of wildlife and is closer than Saipan or Tinian to the actual Marianas Trench, which is the designated national monument. We should look at which island merits the visitor center based on purpose of the center. Perhaps I may be wrong but the question remains: Where is the best location of the Visitor Center? My opinion points to Rota and I am sure that based on reason, we should all agree.

**Frank M. Atalig**

*Sinapalo 1, Rota*

**THE TIME**

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ill-considered moves. It should be transported quickly to a warm, dry place where the outside may be cleansed of mud, slime or cor-



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly sunny, showers around. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Abundant sunshine and pleasant	Some sun with a few showers	Occasional rain	Sunny and delightful
▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲85° ▼76°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼78
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲89 ▼74
Kosrae	Rain	▲89 ▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲86 ▼78

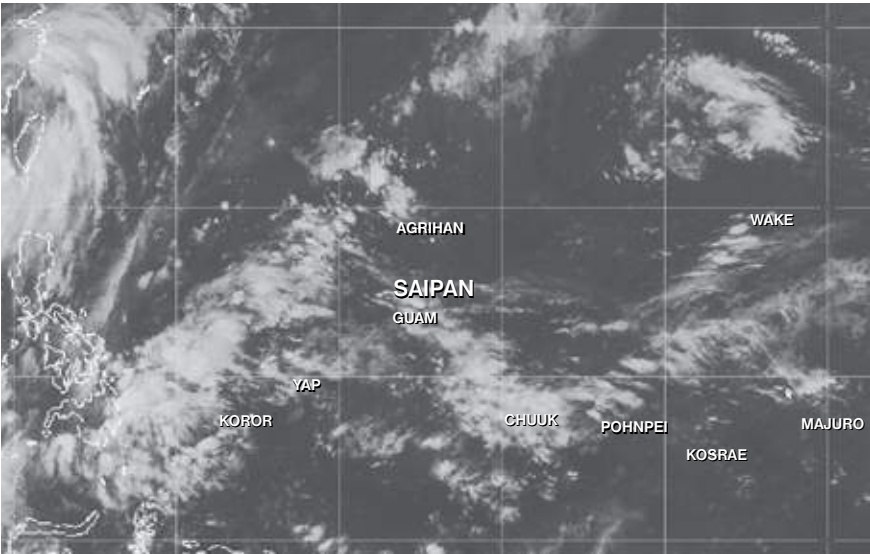
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲57 ▼50
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲94 ▼76
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼74
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86 ▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76 ▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲60 ▼44
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲92 ▼81
New York	Sunny	▲91 ▼73
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼75
Paris	Showers	▲72 ▼57
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲79 ▼74
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼66
Salem	Sunny	▲88 ▼56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼52
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼74
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼79
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲91 ▼76

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
2:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
7:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
2:48 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
9:35 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends north-northeastward from 8N130E to an upper low centered north of Palau at 16N133E northeastward through another upper-low centered north-northwest of the Marianas at 21N142E, then through a third low centered north-west of Wake island at 23N161E to beyond 25N at 171E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the trough axis, west and north of Koror between 3N and 15N from west of 130E to 134E, near the upper low north of Koror between 13N and 18N from 134E to 140E, and within 80 miles of a line from 23N140E to 20N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also found north of Wake island between 23N and 25N from 165E to 168E. A surface trough runs northeastward from 2N150E to 10N153E. Trade-wind convergence east of the north end of the trough and upper-level divergence are combining to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Chuuk within 120 miles of a line from 6N154E to 12N146E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:32 PM	6:39 AM
Wednesday	8:08 PM	7:27 AM
Thursday	8:43 PM	8:14 AM
Friday	9:17 PM	9:00 AM
Saturday	9:52 PM	9:46 AM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 20, 2010

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL630/641	6:30am	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:30pm	10:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana  
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# Business

## Tony Hayward leaving as BP CEO, US official says

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—BP's Tony Hayward, whose gaffes added insult to oil-spill injury for the Gulf Coast, is on his way out as CEO, a U.S. government official said Sunday. Many residents found small comfort in that as BP's biggest mistake under Hayward continued to foul

their waters, their beaches and their way of life.

A change in leadership will not change the mammoth tasks ahead of BP, from stopping the offshore oil gusher for good, to cleaning up the millions of gallons that have already leaked, to paying billions in claims—all while defending its

stock price and repairing its battered reputation.

The senior U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not been made, was briefed on the decision by a senior BP official late last week.

The government official did not know who will replace Hayward or when it will happen.

One of the most likely successors is BP Managing Director Bob Dudley, who is currently overseeing the British company's spill response and would be BP's first American CEO if he is chosen. It is unclear if he would be juggling leadership of BP with oil-spill duties—just as Hayward once did—or whether he would delegate that duty to someone else.

Earlier Sunday, BP PLC spokesman Toby Odone seemed to downplay reports about Hayward's departure, saying he "remains BP's chief executive,



In this June 17, 2010 file photo, BP PLC CEO Tony Hayward testifies before an Energy and Environment Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on the role of BP in the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill on Capitol Hill in Washington.

and he has the confidence of the board and senior management."

BP's board would have to approve a change in company leadership. An official announcement could come as early as Monday.

It's been more than three months since an offshore drilling rig operated by BP exploded off Louisiana on April 20, killing 11 workers and setting off the spill. A temporary plug has stopped oil from gushing for more than a week now, but before that the busted well had spewed anywhere from 94 million to 184 million gallons into the Gulf.

### Bank of Guam ranks first in small business loans in Guam, CNMI

**HAGATNA, Guam**—The Bank of Guam is pleased to announce it placed first in a ranking of Guam banks making loans to small businesses, as reported in a United States Small Business Administration (SBA) letter to participating banks for the third quarter of fiscal year 2010.

Bank of Guam registered 20 loans made to small businesses in Guam and the CNMI, besting other participating financial institutions.

"Our commitment to helping small businesses and providing them the tools to expand goes to the heart of why the Bank of Guam was founded," Bank of Guam president and board chair Lou A. Leon Guerrero.

Leon Guerrero added congratulations to the two main Bank of Guam SBA loan specialists, Reanna Cruz and Esther Reyes, for working with small businesses.

She went on to say, "The Bank of Guam understands the challenges of starting and growing a business because we bring the understanding and attention having been there ourselves." (**BoG**)

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Geithner favors allowing some tax cuts to expire

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said that allowing tax cuts for the wealthy to expire would be "the responsible thing to do." This is the last year for the tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush. Republicans have generally favored extending all of them. While Democrats are divided on the issue, President Barack Obama has favored allowing the expiration of cuts he says have applied to the wealthiest people. "It's responsible to let the tax cuts expire that just go to 2 percent to 3 percent of Americans, the highest earning Americans," Geithner told ABC's "This Week" in an interview broadcast Sunday. Doing so would show the world that the U.S. is "willing as a country now to start to make some progress" reducing long-term budget deficits, he said. Geithner said he does not believe that higher taxes for those high earners will hurt economic growth.

#### Survey: Gas prices barely rise in 2-week span

**CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)**—A survey says the average price of regular gasoline in the United States has gone up in the last two weeks, but by less than a cent. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says the price of regular rose slightly to \$2.73. Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.88, and

premium was at \$2.99. Charleston, S.C., had the lowest average price among cities surveyed at \$2.47 a gallon for regular. San Francisco was highest among surveyed cities at \$3.17. In California, the average price for a gallon of regular was \$3.10. With San Francisco the highest, Bakersfield had the state's least expensive gas at \$3.05 a gallon.

#### Procter & Gamble recalls 2 Iams cat food lots

**CINCINNATI (AP)**—Consumer products giant Procter & Gamble Co. said Sunday it is voluntarily recalling two lots of Iams brand prescription renal dry cat food because it could be contaminated with salmonella. The products are available by prescription through veterinary clinics. No illnesses have been reported, but an FDA analysis identified positive results on two lots of Iams Veterinary Formulas Feline Renal 5.5 lbs: numbers 01384174B4 0 19014 21405 1 and 01384174B2 0 19014 21405 1. Codes are found in the lower right corner on the back of the bag. Anyone owning the food should throw it out. Pets can become infected and people handling the dry pet food can become infected with salmonella as well if they do not wash their hands. Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, seniors and others with weakened immune systems. Customers seeking more information or a refund may call P&G at 877-894-4458.

### FHB posts 6.5 % rise in net income in 2Q

**HAGATNA, Guam**—First Hawaiian Bank reported second quarter net income of \$54.7 million, a 6.5-percent increase over the previous quarter and up 2.0 percent over the comparable quarter of 2009.

Total assets grew 8.8 percent to a record \$14.7 billion. The announcement was made yesterday by Don Horner, First Hawaiian Bank chairman and chief executive officer.

"Despite a stubborn and sluggish economy, the bank continued to perform well, with solid earnings and asset quality," Horner said. "Overall, the bank remains committed and well positioned to support our customers through an anticipated painfully slow recovery."

For the six months ending June 30, 2010, First Hawaiian Bank achieved the following over the prior year:

■ **Total Assets:** \$14.7 billion, an 8.8-percent increase.

■ **Deposits:** \$10.5 billion, a 5.9-percent increase.

■ **Loans and Leases:** \$8.1 billion, a 2.5-percent increase.

■ **Capital (Net worth):** Remained well above all Federal guidelines and in the top quartile nationally.

■ **Non-Performing Assets:** Asset quality remained one of the strongest in the U.S. with non performing assets at 0.2 percent of total assets.

■ **Pre-tax Net Income:** A record \$165.0 million for the six months ending June 30, 2010, a 2.7-percent increase over 2009. After tax, net income for the first six months was \$106.0 million, a 2.9-percent increase over 2009, excluding a one-time tax gain.

Horner reported that loan demand remained weak due to a continued cautious "wait-and-see outlook" on the part of

business owners and investors. The result will be anticipated slower bank earnings growth in future quarters.

During the second quarter, First Hawaiian Bank opened a new, specialized Wealth Management Office at its newly-renovated Kahala Branch. The office will provide customers with comprehensive investment, estate and retirement planning management services. The bank also launched a new, low cost, cash transfer service which will enable customers to send money to various international countries.

Also during the quarter, Highline Financial, previously known as Sheshunoff Rating Services, one of the nation's largest financial monitoring firms, named First Hawaiian Bank a "Top Performer," putting it in the top 5 percent among banks nationwide. (**FHB**)

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

#### To see the problem here, complainer should look in the mirror

By **MARIE G. MCINTYRE**  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q**uestion: My department manager has stopped sharing information with me. I used to be able to point out the flaws in her thinking, but now she keeps all her plans to herself. Even though I am older and more experienced, she ignores my suggestions and seems to want to control everything.

This woman thinks she's a good leader, but I've told her to her face that she's a microman-

ager. I am finding it increasingly difficult to even sit in a meeting with her. How should I handle this problematic boss?

**A**nswer: Your manager might be problematic, but you seem to have some problems of your own. You are apparently engaged in an ongoing power struggle with her, which is most unwise. People who declare war on their boss usually lose in the long run.

One likely cause of your current predicament is your desire to "point out the flaws in her thinking." On top of that, you

have made disparaging remarks about her leadership style. Has it occurred to you that this constant fault-finding might make you the last person she is likely to consult?

You may have the benefit of age and experience, but your manager has the benefit of being the boss. Even if she is woefully incompetent, she still has the power to accept or reject your ideas. If you want her to value your expertise, you must stop viewing her as the enemy and start turning her into an ally.

To become a trusted adviser, you will need to balance con-

structive criticism with appreciation and support, so begin looking for your manager's positive traits. If you want her to change her attitude toward you, you will first need to change your attitude towards her.

**Q**: My friend "Sarah" works in a medical office where most staff members are very politically conservative. The owner plays right-wing talk shows all day on the office radio and places conservative magazines in the lobby and treatment rooms.

Sarah feels strongly that her boss should not be imposing his views on the patients. She tries to hide his political magazines at the bottom of the stack, but he always puts them back on top.

Some patients have told Sarah that they are offended by this blatant partisanship and plan to find another treatment center. How can she persuade the owner that a medical practice should be politically neutral?

**A**: I agree that political proselytizing seems out of place in a medical setting. However, Sarah's boss clearly has a different opinion. Since he owns the business, he has every right to

make the media selections for his office, even if he alienates some customers in the process.

If the owner doesn't realize that patients with opposing views are going elsewhere, then Sarah might share their feedback with him. But if she values her job security, she will tread very carefully when discussing politics with her highly opinionated boss.

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## Nation

# Ariz. law comes after years of mounting anger

**PHOENIX (AP)**—As the days tick down until the Arizona immigration law takes effect, the state stands as a monument to the anger over illegal immigration that is present in so many places.

The anger has been simmering for years, and erupted into a full-blown fury with the murder of a prominent rancher on the border earlier this year. The killing became a powerful rallying cry for immigration reform and the sweeping new law set to take effect Thursday, barring any last-minute legal action.

But it does not tell the whole story about how Arizona got to this point.

Turn on the evening news in Arizona and some report reflecting the state's battle with illegal immigration will likely flash across the screen.

A drop house crammed with illegal border-crossers smack in the middle of a suburban neighborhood. Traffic patrols and workplace raids that net the arrest of dozens of illegal immigrants, often in heavily Hispanic communities. Politicians speaking venomously about border violence and the leech of immigration costs on the state treasury.

Along the streets, Arizonans see day laborers near Wal-Mart and Home Depot parking lots, waiting for work. In some Phoenix-area neighborhoods, Spanish is so predominant both in spoken word and signage that residents complain they feel like they're in a foreign country.

Then rancher Robert Krentz was gunned down in March while checking water lines on his property near the border. Authorities believe—but have never produced substantive proof—that an illegal immigrant, likely a scout for drug smugglers, was to blame.

Almost immediately Krentz came to symbolize what's at stake with illegal immigration. Politicians quickly connected the dots, but everyday folks also spoke with anger and fear about the rancher's death.

"You can't ignore the damage and the costs to the taxpayers and the disrespect that comes with it and those who think they have a right to break our laws," says Russell Pearce, the fiery state senator who wrote Arizona's new immigration law.

Pearce, in fact, is the godfather of anti-illegal immigration



Georgina Sanchez, of Phoenix, chants to protest the SB1070 Arizona immigration law in front of U.S. District Court Thursday, July 22, 2010, in Phoenix.

sentiment in Arizona and author of many of the tough laws.

He regularly depicts illegal immigration as an "invasion." He can tick off the names of police officers killed or wounded by criminals in the country illegally.

One of those names is that of his son, Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Pearce, who survived a gunshot wound to the abdomen from an illegal immigrant in 2004 while serving a search warrant in a homicide case.

That might explain Pearce's indefatigable effort against those entering the country illegally, but he says he held tough views before his son was shot. He insists that his frustration centers more broadly on the crime that immigrant smugglers bring into the country and the financial stress that illegal border-crossers put on communities.

Between 40 percent and 50 percent of all immigrant arrests each year on the U.S.-Mexico border are made in Arizona, according to the U.S. Border Patrol.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Arizona officials misidentify crash victims

**PHOENIX (AP)**—Family and friends spent the past week standing vigil outside a Phoenix hospital room, praying Marlena Cantu would recover from severe injuries suffered in an Arizona traffic crash. But their world was turned upside down when they learned authorities had made a mistake—and the badly bruised, swollen-faced woman in the hospital wasn't Cantu. The 21-year-old had actually died in the crash, and her friend—19-year-old Abby Guerra—was the one in critical condition with a brain injury, broken back, collapsed lung and other injuries. Guerra's family had spent the past week planning her funeral, and teammates from Guerra's University of Evansville soccer team in Indiana planned to fly to Phoenix to attend it. They rushed to her bedside Saturday after learning of the mix-up. "It's a miracle but ... you feel angry because we mourned all week," Dorenda Cisneros, Guerra's aunt, told KPHO-TV in Phoenix on Sunday.

### Boy hanged self after visit from LA County workers

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Authorities investigating an 11-year-old's suicide threat say they didn't learn key information about an abusive stepfather who answered the door at his house until after the boy hanged himself. A story in Sunday's Los Angeles Times says the investigators lacked key information on the boy because of communication difficulties at the Department of Children and Family Services. On June 11, the workers visited the boy's home in Montebello after he told a school counselor he wanted to kill himself. Los Angeles County records show he was found dead hours after the visit. They did not learn until after the suicide that the stepfather who answered the door had a history of drug abuse and domestic violence and a court had barred him from living in the home.

### Fake shark devours surfer in latest statue prank

**CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. (AP)**—A bronze surfer statue near San Diego has been the target of many gags, but never one this big and scary. Unknown predawn pranksters on Saturday surrounded the roadside statue in Cardiff-by-the-Sea with a papier mache model of a great white shark that appeared to be swallowing it whole. Crowds of gawkers and photographers gathered around the 16-foot creation after the sun rose. San Diego County sheriff's Lt. Tony Ray said no criminal report was filed because there was no damage to the statue. The \$120,000 sculpture called "Magic Carpet Ride" was commissioned by the Cardiff Botanical Society in 2007. The statue has been bedecked with bras, skirts and witch hats so many times that locals have come to call it "The Cardiff Kook."

### 3 teens trapped upstairs die in Indiana house fire

**WABASH, Ind. (AP)**—Police say an early-morning Indiana house fire killed three teenagers trapped on an upper floor despite efforts by an officer who spotted the blaze and tried to rescue them. Officer Josh Prater saw a fire at the home in Wabash shortly before 4 a.m. Sunday. Police say he reported it to dispatch and tried to get inside to rescue the teens, but was turned back by smoke, flames and heat. A statement from police says 17-year-old Caitlin D. Burke, 15-year-old Jacob J. Johnson and 13-year-old Jared R. Johnson died in the blaze. Their parents, Jared and Martha Johnson, escaped. They had told Prater the teens were trapped. The cause of the fire wasn't immediately known.

## Medical device problems hurt 70,000+ kids annually

**CHICAGO (AP)**—More than 70,000 children and teens go to the emergency room each year for injuries and complications from medical devices, and contact lenses are the leading culprit, the first detailed national estimate suggests.

About one-fourth of the problems were things like infections and eye abrasions in contact lens wearers. These are sometimes preventable and can result from wearing contact lenses too long without cleaning them.

Other common problems found by researchers at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

on the brain); chest catheters for cancer patients receiving chemotherapy at home; and insulin pumps for diabetics. Infections and overdoses are among problems associated with these devices. Only 6 percent of patients overall had to be hospitalized.

Dr. Steven Krug, head of emergency medicine at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, said the study highlights a trade-off linked with medical advances that have enabled chronically ill children to be

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treated at home and live more normal lives.

Home care can be challeng-

ing for families; Krug says he has seen children brought in because catheters were damaged or became infected.

"Health care providers need to be aware of these kids and their devices and how to recognize or diagnose" related problems, Krug said. He was not involved in the study.

The study appears in Pediatrics, published online Monday.

Hefflin and lead author Dr. Cunlin Wang work in the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. They note there has been recent concern about medical device safety in children, particularly since many devices intended for adults are used in children.

The researchers analyzed medical records from ER vis-

its reported in a national injury surveillance system. Based on data from about 100 nationally representative hospitals, they estimated that 144,799 medical device-related complications occurred during 2004 and 2005, or more than 70,000 yearly.

### Flooding causes millions in damage in Iowa

**MONTICELLO, Iowa (AP)**—Flooding from the Maquoketa River after the Lake Delhi dam failed has damaged dozens of homes and businesses, causing millions of dollars in damage in Monticello, officials said Sunday.

The Lake Delhi dam in eastern Iowa failed Saturday as rising floodwater from the Maquoketa River ate a 30-foot-wide hole in it. Areas below the dam, including in Hopkinton and Monticello were evacuated.

"It is simply unbelievable. This is unprecedented. We've had floods before and we've always been able to contain the situation and minimize the damage, but with Mother Nature's fury ... there was no way to do anything about it," said Mike Willey, president of the board of directors at the Lake Delhi Recreation Association. "There was simply too much water."

The river crested upstream of the dam at Manchester early Saturday afternoon at 24.53 feet—more than 10 feet above flood stage and well above its 2004 record of 21.66 feet—before it began to slowly recede.

About 50 homes and 20 busi-

nesses had major flood damage and the city's sewer plant had been flooded and shut down about 7 p.m. Saturday, said Monticello Public Works Director Dana Edwards.

Most of the city's 3,700 residents could flush their toilets, but the waste was pouring into the river. Still, environmental damage shouldn't be great because the waste was being diluted by the flood water, Edwards said.

The city's drinking water system was working, "but we are asking people to use as little water as possible," Edwards said.

Damage to private property would likely be in the millions of dollars, Edwards said. The cost of repairing the sewer plant wouldn't be known until workers could get inside to assess the damage.

Pumps from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the city were being put into the city's main sewer lines to try to keep water out of residents' basements.

The hydroelectric dam on the Maquoketa River that created Lake Delhi in the 1920s is no longer used for power but maintains the lake for recreational purposes.



# Asia

## US holds drills off Korea as Pyongyang talks war

**ABOARD USS GEORGE WASHINGTON** (AP)—U.S. and South Korean warships and helicopters practiced anti-submarine maneuvers off the Korean peninsula Monday, readying defenses against the kind of weapon that allegedly sank a South Korean navy vessel earlier this year.

The destruction of the Cheonan in March, which has been blamed on a North Korean torpedo, killed 46 sailors in what officials called the worst military attack on the South since the 1950-53 Korean War.

The four-day "Invincible Spirit" exercises involving 20 ships, 200 aircraft and about 8,000 U.S. and South Korean sailors are being held in the waters off Korea's east coast in response to the sinking, bringing threats of retaliation from North Korea, which denies responsibility for the attack.

The anti-submarine phase of the training—which also involves anti-ship and anti-air-

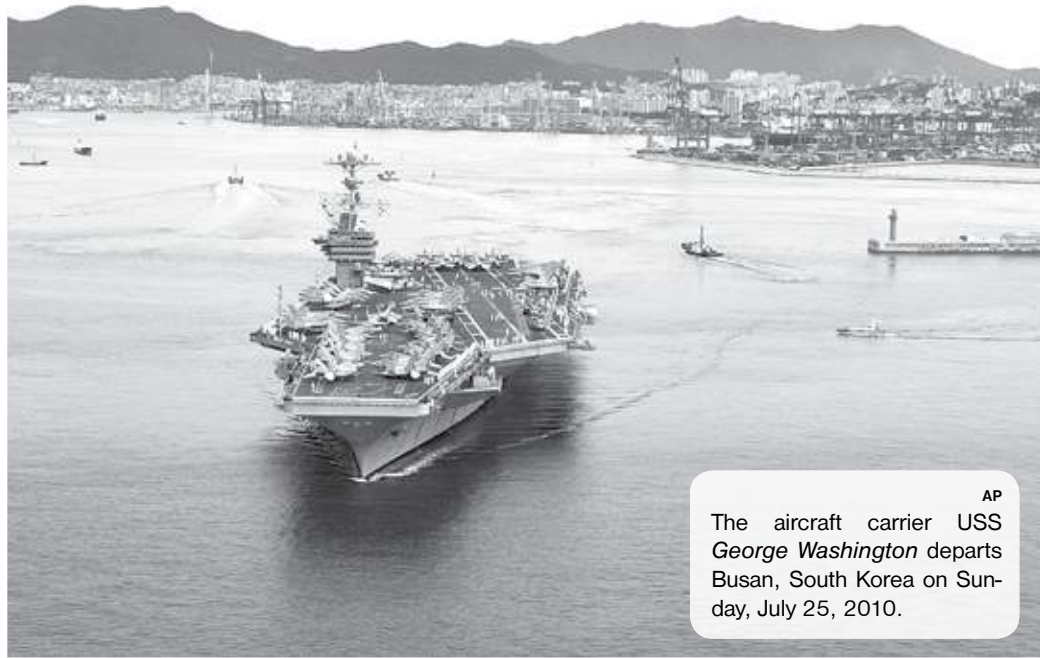
craft operations—is particularly important because an international investigation found that the 1,200-ton corvette Cheonan was sunk by a torpedo launched from a North Korean submarine that somehow penetrated South

Korea's defenses.

"I am concerned about every submarine underwater that I don't know about," said Capt. David Lausman, the commanding officer of the USS *George Washington*, a nuclear-powered supercar-

rier deployed to the maneuvers from its home port in Japan.

Lausman said the attack demonstrated the opaque nature of Pyongyang's military, which he said should not be underestimated.



AP  
The aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* departs Busan, South Korea on Sunday, July 25, 2010.

"North Korea's danger lies because they are unpredictable," he said. "The sinking of the Cheonan is a prime example."

North Korea has strongly protested the exercises, saying they are a provocation and threatening retaliation. In flourishes of rhetoric typical of the regime, it vowed to respond with a "sacred war" and a "powerful nuclear deterrence."

"They will face a costly consequence if they stick to the criminal activities ravaging peace and security on the Korean peninsula," North Korea's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper said in commentary carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

U.S. officials say that the maneuvers, held well away from North Korea's border, are not intended to provoke a response, but add that they do want to send Pyongyang a message that further aggression in the region will not be tolerated and that the alliance between the U.S. and South Korea remains strong.

On Monday, Gen. Han Min-goo, chief of the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff, was to tour the *George Washington*.

The exercises are the first in a series of U.S.-South Korean maneuvers conducted in the East Sea off Korea and in the Yellow Sea closer to China's shores in international waters.

## Taliban claim to capture US sailor, kill another

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The Taliban claimed Sunday that they killed a U.S. sailor and kidnapped another as NATO forces ramped up a massive search for the servicemen, who went missing two days earlier in an area held by the militants.

The coalition force set up checkpoints and distributed fliers with the sailors' pictures and are offering thousands of dollars in rewards for their return. There were conflicting reports about whether the body of one of the two had been recovered.

U.S. and NATO officials confirmed that two American Navy personnel went missing Friday in the eastern province of Logar, after an armored sport utility vehicle was seen driving into a Taliban-held area. NATO officials were unable to say what they were doing in such a dangerous

part of eastern Afghanistan.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid also said the pair drove into an area under insurgent control, prompting a brief gunfight in which one American was killed and the other was captured. He said both were taken to a "safe area" and "are in the hands of the Taliban."

The sailors' heavily reinforced white Land Cruiser has been recovered, according to a security official in Logar who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information.

Another local official, Abdul Wali, the deputy head of the provincial governing council, said the Taliban sent a message through intermediaries offering to hand over the body of one sailor in exchange for jailed insurgents.

## Leaks provide ground-level account of Afghan war

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Some 90,000 leaked U.S. military records posted online Sunday amount to a blow-by-blow account of six years of the Afghanistan war, including unreported incidents of Afghan civilian killings as well as covert operations against Taliban figures.

The online whistle-blower WikiLeaks posted the documents on its website Sunday. The New York Times, London's Guardian newspaper and the German weekly Der Spiegel were given early access to the documents.

The White House condemned the document disclosure, saying

it "put the lives of Americans and our partners at risk."

The leaked records include detailed descriptions of raids carried out by a secretive U.S. special operations unit called Task Force 373 against what U.S. officials considered high-value insurgent and terrorist targets. Some of the raids resulted in unintended killings of Afghan civilians, according to the documentation.

Among those listed as being killed by the secretive unit was Shah Agha, described by the Guardian as an intelligence officer for an IED cell, who was

killed with four other men in June 2009. Another was a Libyan fighter, Abu Laith al-Libi, described in the documents as a senior al-Qaida military commander. Al-Libi was said to be based across the border in Mir Ali, Pakistan, and was running al-Qaida training camps in North Waziristan, a region along the Afghan border where U.S. officials have said numerous senior al-Qaida leaders were believed to be hiding.

The operation against al-Libi, in June 2007, resulted in a death tally that one U.S. military document said include six enemy

fighters and seven noncombatants—all children.

The Guardian reported that more than 2,000 senior figures from the Taliban and al-Qaida are on a "kill or capture" list, known as JPEL, the Joint Prioritized Effects List. It was from this list that Task Force 373 selected its targets.

The New York Times said the documents—including classified cables and assessments between military officers and diplomats—also describe U.S. fears that ally Pakistan's intelligence service was actually aiding the Afghan insurgency.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Police: 5 dead in Japan helicopter crash

**TOKYO** (AP)—Police say five people are dead after a rescue helicopter crashed into a mountain in central Japan. Police spokesman Takeshi Iijima said the helicopter was on its way to rescue a fallen climber Sunday in Saitama, around 47 miles (75 kilometers) northwest of Tokyo. The helicopter initially carried seven people. It crashed after sending two rescue workers to the ground. Police confirmed the two workers were safe, but those on board—two pilots, a firefighter and two rescue workers—were killed. The climber, who fell into a waterfall basin Saturday, died later. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.

#### Bomb kills 1, wounds 10 after Bangkok by-election

**BANGKOK** (AP)—A bomb at a bus stop in downtown Bangkok killed one person and wounded 10 others Sunday shortly after polls closed in a parliamentary election that pitted a government candidate against a jailed leader of recent mass protests in the Thai capital. Police Maj. Gen. Anuchai Lekbamroong, at the site of the explosion, declined to speculate whether the bombing was related to Thailand's continued political turbulence in the wake of the street demonstrations

that paralyzed much of the capital for weeks. The bomb wounded 10 Thai people and one woman from Myanmar, all of whom were hospitalized, according to the government's Erawan Center, which accounts for casualties in such incidents. A 51-year-old Thai man later died during an operation at the Police Hospital, according to a nurse who declined to give her name since she was not authorized to speak with the press.

#### Quake strikes off Tonga, Samoa; no damage reported

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—The U.S. Geological Survey says an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6 has struck the South Pacific off the coasts of Tonga, Samoa and American Samoa. There have been no reports of damage and no tsunami was triggered. The quake struck Sunday afternoon and was centered at sea 147 miles (237 kilometers) southwest of Apia in Samoa and 252 miles (405 kilometers) north of Neiafu in Tonga. It was at a depth of 25 miles (41 kilometers). Residents of Apia and Neiafu told The Associated Press that they didn't notice it. A magnitude 8 earthquake close to Samoa on Sept. 29 killed 34 people in American Samoa, 183 in Samoa and nine in Tonga, when tsunami waves up to 46 feet (14 meters) high crashed ashore.

## Khmer Rouge prison chief awaits verdict

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia** (AP)—A U.N.-backed war crimes tribunal was expected to issue a decision Monday in the trial of the Khmer Rouge's chief jailer and torturer—the first verdict involving a leader of the genocidal regime that created Cambodia's killing fields.

Kaing Guek Eav, better known as Duch, ran Toul Sleng—the secret detention center reserved for "enemies" of the state. He admitted overseeing the deaths of up to 16,000 men, women and children who passed through its gates and asked for forgiveness during his 77-day trial.

Though widely expected to be found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity, many in this still-traumatized nation are anxiously awaiting the sentence. Anything short of the maximum life behind bars could trigger public outrage.

"All I want before I die is to see justice served," said



AP  
A Cambodian man touches leg restraints displayed at the the former Khmer Rouge's notorious S-21 prison now known as the Tuol Sleng genocide museum in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Thursday, July 22, 2010.

Bou Meng, 69, one of the few people sent to Toul Sleng who survived. "He admitted everything," he said. "If he gets anything less than life, it will only

add to my suffering."

The U.N.-assisted tribunal represents the first serious attempt to hold Khmer Rouge leaders accountable for the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians from starvation, medical neglect, slave-like working conditions and execution. The group's top leader, Pol Pot, died in 1998.

Duch (pronounced DOIK) is the first of five surviving senior figures of the regime to go on trial. Unlike the four other defendants, Duch was not among the ruling clique. He insisted during the trial that he was only following orders from the top, and on the final day he asked to be acquitted and freed—angering many of the victims.

A former math teacher, Duch joined Pol Pot's movement in 1967. Ten years later, he was the trusted head of its ultimate killing machine, S-21, which became the code name for Toul Sleng.



## World

## Iraqi forces still frail as US troops head home

**MOSUL, Iraq (AP)**—When the U.S. ends its combat mission in Iraq five weeks from now, the nation's safety will be in the hands of its homegrown, American-trained security forces. The army is almost up to the job, the police are hit-and-miss, and the Kurdish militia is nowhere close to ready.

Iraq's military chief says that without a U.S. presence, the Iraqi forces won't be able to fully fend for themselves before 2020. Anthony Cordesman, a former director of intelligence assessment in the Pentagon, agrees it will take years.

That view has also come across in conversations on various sides of the sectarian divide in recent months as the Associated Press spent time with the military, police and Kurdish militia on the job to get a sense of their strengths and weaknesses as they prepare for the Aug. 31 deadline for the U.S. combat mission to end.

To be sure, Iraq's security forces have made great strides since the 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein, after which his army was disbanded and the once-feared police were jeered as toothless. U.S. commanders say violence is down by more than half since a year ago, when American troops pulled out of Iraqi cities, and has dropped 90 percent since October 2007 - the peak of the U.S. military surge in Iraq.

But bombings still happen almost daily across Iraq, often targeting the security forces. Drive-by shootings and



An Army carry team loads a transfer case containing the remains of 1st Lt. Michael L. Runyan into a transfer vehicle Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

kidnappings are common. And despite at least \$22 billion the U.S. has spent on training and equipping the forces since 2004, many of the problems that have long plagued the army and police remain unresolved.

The U.S. military, preparing to pull out completely by the end of 2011, has

been promoting an image of a capable Iraqi security force. Barely a day passes without an announcement of the arrest or killing by homegrown security forces of insurgents mostly suspects from al-Qaida in Iraq, as well as ordinary criminals.

"Clearly there's still some violence,

and we still need to make more progress in Iraq," U.S. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, told reporters at the Pentagon on Wednesday. "But Iraqi security forces have taken responsibility for security throughout Iraq, and they continue to grow and improve every day."

Yet there remain deep gaps in training and equipment for the roughly 675,000 members of the security forces. Even more important, sectarian and ethnic divisions among various security branches have been only superficially addressed and threaten to re-ignite tensions.

"We need the Americans until we get strong," said Yasser Majid, a 26-year-old Shiite army lieutenant, said last month on patrol in the Iraqi town of Jalula. "Otherwise it could go back to just like it was in 2006 with sectarian violence."

The readiness gap means that the army is still performing some of the roles that ought to fall to the police, such as manning city checkpoints where cars are searched for bombs.

Dozens of cars wait to be checked for bombs on Palestine Street, northern Baghdad. It was at this checkpoint, according to Sgt. Maj. Ali al-Hiani, that Iraqi army soldiers in March scored a coup: Recognizing his face from a wanted poster, they nabbed Munaf Abdul-Rahim al-Rawi, a militant with al-Qaida in Iraq.

That led to the killing of two of the group's leaders in a joint Iraqi-U.S. raid. At least 36 of al-Qaida's 44 senior operatives in Iraq have been captured or killed this year, mostly in joint U.S.-Iraqi operations.

After seven years of working alongside the American military, the Iraqi army of about 248,000 soldiers is widely viewed as the best trained and best equipped of the security forces.

## Russia's Putin sings with expelled agents

**FOROS, Ukraine (AP)**—Vladimir Putin says he met with the Russian spies who were expelled from the United States, joining them in singing an unofficial KGB anthem and promising them good jobs and a bright future back in their homeland.

Russia's prime minister said late Saturday he recently got together with the 10 sleeper agents, without saying when or where. The agents were deported from the U.S. earlier this month in a biggest spy scandal since the Cold War.

"We talked about life," Putin told reporters in Ukraine. "We sang 'What Motherland Begins With' and other songs of that character."

"What Motherland Begins With" is a song from the 1968 television series about Soviet spies in Nazi Germany. The song is widely known as an unofficial anthem of Russian intelligence officers.

Putin, a former KGB officer who in the early 1980s worked in communist East Germany as a low-level functionary, spoke about the uneasy lives the secret agents had in the U.S., where they were caught by the FBI in U.S. cities and suburbs where they had been living for more than a decade.

"They had a very difficult fate," Putin said, referring to the expelled spies who spent years of burrowing into American society. "They had to carry out a task to benefit their motherland's interests for many, many years without a diplomatic cover, risking themselves and those close to them."

## Chavez warns of US oil cutoff in Colombia dispute

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—President Hugo Chavez threatened on Sunday to cut off oil sales to the United States if Venezuela is attacked by its U.S.-allied neighbor Colombia in a dispute over allegations that Venezuela gives haven to Colombian rebels.

Chavez made his warning in an outdoor speech to thousands of supporters, saying: "If there is any armed aggression against Venezuela from Colombian territory or anywhere else supported by the Yankee empire, we ... would suspend shipments of oil to the United States!"

"We wouldn't send another drop of oil to its refineries, not a single drop more!" Chavez shouted, adding that the United States is "the big one to blame for all the tension in this part of the world."

If actually carried out, such a threat would be a titanic economic blow

for Chavez's government, which depends heavily on oil sales. The U.S. is the top buyer of oil from Venezuela, which is the United States' fifth biggest foreign supplier.

But Colombia has not threatened military action, and it's likely Chavez made the warning in part to put Washington and Bogota on notice that he will not stand for a more aggressive international campaign to denounce allegations that leftist Colombian rebels are finding refuge in Venezuela.

Chavez cut off diplomatic relations with Colombia on Thursday after outgoing President Alvaro Uribe's government presented photos, videos and maps of what it said were Colombian rebel camps inside Venezuela. Chavez called it an attempt to smear his government and said Uribe could be trying to lay the groundwork for an armed conflict.



Chavez

## Mexico: Prison guards let killers out, lent guns

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Guards and officials at a prison in northern Mexico allegedly let inmates out, lent them guns and allowed them to use official vehicles to carry out drug-related killings, including the massacre of 17 people last week, prosecutors said Sunday.

After carrying out the killings the inmates would return to their cells, the Attorney General's Office said in a revelation that was shocking even for a country wearied by years of drug violence and corruption.

"According to witnesses, the inmates were allowed to leave with authorization of the prison director ... to carry out instructions for revenge attacks using official vehicles and using guards' weapons for executions," office spokesman Ricardo Najera said at a news conference.

The director of the prison in Gomez Palacio in Durango state and three other officials were placed under a form of house arrest pending further investigation. No charges have yet been filed.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Shock, blame after 19 trampled at German festival

**DUISBURG, Germany (AP)**—Throngs of techno fans followed the floats, the dancers and the throbbing music to the festival venue: an old freight railway station that local media estimated could handle 300,000 people. German media reported that as many as 1.4 million people showed up to the Love Parade, where a mass panic Saturday left 19 people crushed to death and 342 injured. Police blamed organizers and officials in Duisburg, an industrial city that gave the world's largest techno music festival a home after it was driven from Berlin because of noise and overcrowding. Witnesses, however, blamed police and private security staff, saying the panic broke out after they closed the end of a tunnel—the only entrance to the festival grounds—when the venue became too full. Police denied that and said they actually opened a second exit to disperse the masses before the accident happened.

## 8 people killed in shelling in Somalia's capital

**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)**—A Somali official says eight people were killed in weekend skirmishes between insurgents and troops in the capital. Mogadishu ambulance service chief Ali Muse says five people died and seven were wounded late

Saturday. A witness saw three more wounded people. Muse says three died and seven were wounded Sunday when mortars hit a market. He says most of the dead were civilians. The news came as African leaders discussed Somalia's conflict at an African Union summit. Somalia became a focus of the summit after 76 people were killed two weeks ago in twin bombings in Uganda. Somali militant group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attacks.

## Raul Castro prepares Cuban Revolution Day speech

**SANTA CLARA, Cuba (AP)**—It would be easy for Raul Castro to make headlines in a major Revolution Day speech in this central Cuban city Monday. All he has to do is bring up the 52 political prisoners he has agreed to release, or discuss plans to open the island's communist economy. Of course, nothing Cuba's 79-year-old president says will mean as much as whether elder brother Fidel is standing by his side. A recent spate of appearances by the revolutionary leader after four years of near-total seclusion has got everybody talking. Could this be Fidel's coming out party? "If Fidel is there it will cause a huge stir. It will be very important," said Wayne Smith, a former top American diplomat in Havana and senior fellow at the Washington-based Center for International Policy.



# IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

## †Cpl. Dave Michael Santos

May 17, 1989 - July 15, 2010

Was called to join his creator at the age of 21 in Afghanistan.

*His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife:** Lotty Ann Atalig Santos  
**Son:** Anthony David Atalig Santos  
**Parents:** David M. Santos & Isabella L. Maratita  
 Charito Runge & Cary Runge  
 Joseph Parks  
**Grandparents:** Margarita L. Maratita  
 Deborah Mcmanues & Paul Mcmanues  
 James Baker & Karen Baker  
**In-Laws:** Anthony T. Atalig & Carmen Atalig  
**Reared Mother:** Mayette Maliksi

**Brothers, Sisters & In-Laws:**

**Siblings:** Darren Santos, Jewel Hope Santos, Dori Gene Santos, James Runge, John Alfred Runge, Joseph Parks, Jessica Parks, & Jorryn Parks  
**In-Laws:** Derrick/Joaquina (Ej), Della/Ray (Keanu, Janet), Franklin/Joliann, (Aliana) Queena/Franco, & Anthony Jr.

*In his new life, he now joins his:*

**Paternal Grandparents:** †Andres M. Santos  
 †Maria M. Santos  
**Maternal Grandparents:** †Irene Maliksi, †Alfredo Maliksi  
 and †Fermin C. Maratita  
**Brother:** †Christopher Darryl Mendiola  
**Cousins:** †CPL. Joe Junior G. Charfauros  
 †Andres Schinohosen Santos  
 †Leejay A. Santos  
 †Tsai Damian Q. Maratita  
**Niece:** †Augustina C. Manglona

*He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunties, cousins, nieces, nephews, & friends.*

Mass of Intention is being celebrated each evening at 7:00 pm. at San Isidro Chapel at Sinapalo, Rota followed by Holy Rosary.

**His mortal remains will arrive on Rota, CNMI on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 3:00 pm. A reception ceremony will take place at Rota International Airport immediately upon the arrival.**

Please join us in Prayers,

**Lotty Ann Atalig Santos - Anthony David Santos  
 David M. Santos & Isabella L. Maratita  
 Charito Runge & Cary Runge  
 & Family**



### MEMORIAL AND FUNERAL SERVICES

#### Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Arrival of mortal remains at Rota International Airport via USAF C-130	<b>3:00pm</b>
Airport reception ceremony	<b>4:00pm</b>
Holy Rosary at parents residence of David M. Santos and Isabella L. Maratita	<b>5:00 pm</b>
Mass of Intention – San Isidro Chapel, Sinapalo, Rota	<b>7:00pm</b>
Holy Rosary at parents residence of David...	<b>8:00pm</b>
Wake vigil service and visitation	<b>8:30PM</b>

#### Thursday, July 29, 2010

Funeral cortege proceeds to San Isidro Chapel, Sinapalo, Rota	<b>7:00 am</b>
Responso Service and Last Rosary	<b>7:30 am</b>
Tribute and Presentation	<b>8:00am</b>
Final viewing and Last respects	<b>9:00am</b>
Mass of Christian Burial	<b>10:00am</b>
Interment services St. Joseph Cemetery, Songsong, Rota	<b>11:00 am</b>





## Overdrive

## More automakers tackling drivers'

## BLIND SPOTS

» Low-tech mirrors more prevalent

Gloria Joseph of Dearborn, Michigan, looks through her blind-spot mirrors in her new Ford Fiesta, Friday, July 9, 2010. Another option for correcting blind spots is a radar-based monitoring system.

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By JEWEL GOPWANI  
DETROIT FREE PRESS

**D**ETROIT—Lisa Suida doesn't twist her torso or turn her neck anymore to check her blind spot while driving her 2010

Chevrolet Traverse.

Instead, Suida, of Macomb Township, Mich., checks the small convex mirrors built into her car's side mirrors, which show her when a vehicle is driving in her blind spot.

"I feel more secure in traffic knowing who's around me," said

Suida, 36, who has two kids.

Drivers who are in the market for a new car soon may look forward to blind-spot-free driving. Automakers are increasingly adding features—simple and high-tech—to uncover blind spots that are responsible for an estimated 395,000 crashes a year.

Blind-spot monitoring systems, which use sensors to detect when something is in a vehicle's blind spot, are expanding from luxury and top-trim levels to mainstream vehicles.

Less-expensive convex mirrors, which are built into the outer upper corner of a vehicle's

side mirrors, allow automakers to bring blind-spot-free driving to more-affordable cars and trucks. The convex mirrors cost about \$10 to \$15 per vehicle.

Ford, for example, committed to making them standard on most new models.

The move is part of Ford's push to spread technology across its lineup. Or, as Ford product planning engineer Kelly Kohlstrand said, taking technology that was unaffordable and "making sure customers have it at hand whether they're driving a Fiesta or driving (a Lincoln) MKS."

The radar-based blind-spot monitoring feature alerts the driver that a car has moved into its blind spot, usually with an icon that lights up in the side mirror.

"It's looking to the side and to the rear of the vehicle," said John Capp, General Motors' director of global active safety and safety innovation.

GM features radar systems as an option on several vehicles, including the Cadillac Escalade and Buick LaCrosse.

"We're looking to put it on more vehicles," Capp said.

The radar-based system alone costs about \$250 and is often packaged with other safety features such as rear-view cameras.

Blind-spot detection is becoming a more popular feature

among consumers. Of more than 42,000 new car buyers polled by AutoPacific this year, 40 percent said they want radar-based blind-spot detection. That's up from 33 percent in 2009.

But high-tech may not always be better.

Another study by AutoPacific, commissioned by auto supplier Magna International—which makes both types of blind-spot systems—showed that of 967 drivers who tried both features in a demonstration, 69 percent preferred the less-expensive convex mirror over the more-expensive radar-based system.

"If you haven't had them before, you instantly appreciate them," said Bob Wheat, general sales manager at Village Ford Dearborn, about convex mirrors.

Stick-on convex mirrors are available at aftermarket parts shops and cost just a few dollars for a pair. But factory-installed versions offer a tailored view of a blind spot, Kohlstrand said.

Gloria Joseph, who picked up her Ford Fiesta on July 2, is still adjusting to her mirrors.

"It's like almost an extra sense that you have to get used to when you're in the car," said Joseph, who ordered the compact car to replace an Explorer. "It's more information."

## DEATH and FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## JOSEPH ALAN ADA TORRES

November 15, 1964 – July 23, 2010

Was called by his Creator on Friday July 23, 2010 at the age of 45 in Guam.

**His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:**

Wife: Clotilde Sablan Torres

Children/Spouses and their families: **Keith S. Torres, Vanessa Sablan & Don Pangelinan (Hailey and Alyssa), Morica Sablan, Joseph Jr. Torres, Jowina Sablan, Oscar Torres and Perissa Naputi (Scarlett)**

Mother: Chong A. Torres (Chong Kilili)

Brothers and Sister: Peter Anthony & Jovita C. Torres (Shawn & Jasmin DLGuerrero, Jadeen & Maurico Fuentes, Peter Anthony Jr and Raena Lynn), Jesse Alfred Torres, George Arthur Torres & Diana Manalo (Phoebe, Victor, Geneil & Joshua), Thelma Ann & Paul Reyes (Jobe, Jonah, Jode, Joven, Jon Joseph & Jared)

Mother-in-law: Luise C. Sablan

**In his new life, he now joins his:**

Grandparents: Dr. Jose Diaz Torres & Asuncion Martinez Ada Torres  
Father in-law: Jose Sablan  
Brothers/Sisters in-law: Oscar C. Sablan

Daily Mass of intention is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 pm.

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, his remains will be escorted from Ada's Funeral Home in Guam to Santa Barbara Church in Dededo for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 pm. Interment follows at Tiguag Cementary, Nimitz Hill, Guam.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS**

**Wife, Mother, Children & Family**

## Don't skip maintenance just because mileage is low

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q**UESTION: I'm 86 years old and drive a '99 Camry with 44,000 miles on it. I change the oil and rotate the tires, which were new two years ago, every 3,000 miles. I've never had anything else done, and it runs fine. Are there other necessary maintenance things I should have done?

**A**NSWER: Being a maintenance maniac, I could recommend a list of services based more on age than mileage—air filter, timing belt, coolant flush and fill, and transmission and brake fluid. And you'd never be wrong to have these done. But you average only about 4,000 miles per year, so I'd suggest having the air filter and coolant changed and the serpentine belt inspected now, then continue to have the engine and oil filter changed every 3,000 to 4,000 miles or once a year, whichever comes first.

**Q**: I drive my '95 Taurus with 106,000 miles on it on a rural postal route. After two or three hours of going mailbox to mailbox, it sputters and dies while idling. No "check engine" lights go on and the temperature gauge is normal. If I let it sit for 10 minutes, it will start and run again for a while, then kill again. On the highway, it clears up. Any recommendations?

**A**: This might be vapor lock caused by a tired fuel pump. My Alldata automotive database found Ford bulletin 96-7-5, which outlines this potential problem and suggests installing an updated, turbine-style fuel pump. To confirm this, you'll need to check the fuel pressure after the engine dies. Cycle the key on and off several times while listening for the sound of the fuel pump in the tank. Then leave the ignition off, open the hood and cover the fuel pressure test port on the injection

manifold with a cloth. Carefully depress the pintle of the valve. A brief squirt of high-pressure fuel should escape.

**Q**: I have a 2002 Chrysler minivan with almost 150,000 miles. I've had problems with the rear brakes since Day 1. At first it was the automatic adjusting mechanism. I put the van in the driveway overnight by backing up about 80 feet. In the morning, when I put it in drive, the brakes would stick, then release with a crack. I corrected this by removing the self-adjusters. My main problem now is that the rear drums fill with dirt and debris. I had the shoes and brake hardware replaced. Six months later, same problem. Any suggestions?

**A**: Chrysler issued a revised rear brake backing plate to help keep debris out. If you don't want to go to the expense of having this done, you'll need to pull the rear drums off periodically to flush, clean and manually adjust the rear brakes. Make sure you wear a dust mask and flush them with water, not air.

**Q**: I own a 2008 Hyundai Sonata GLS. The dealer I bought the car from told me the car has a timing chain, but the owner's manual gives information only about timing belts. I'm confused. Does my car have a timing belt or a chain?

**A**: A timing chain that requires no periodic maintenance.

*Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver. Readers may write to him at: Star Tribune, 425 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55488 or via e-mail at paulbrand@startribune.com. Please explain the problem in detail and include a daytime phone number. It isn't always possible to send a personal reply.*



# Life & Style

## Zac Efron takes the next step with 'Charlie St. Cloud'

By COLIN COVERT  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Young girls adore two things: long-lashed boys resembling girls, and unicorns.

A psychiatrist might speculate on the correlation between the two, but our purpose here is to note that girls in their tender years tend to focus their first puppy love—at least their first celebrity crush—on a boy who isn't threateningly macho. The idealized imaginary boyfriend is sweetly pubescent, downy of cheek, and smooth of chest.

The inescapable problem for a performer who apprentices as a man-genie is that one cannot remain a Non-Threatening Boy forever. Somewhere along his professional path, biology asserts itself. Beards germinate and the Teen Choice Award torch passes to next-gen Disney Channel stars. The maturing cutest moves on to projects aimed at people old enough to drive, or else.

Thus the quandary facing Zac Efron. Having graduated with honors from the world of "High School Musical," the doe-eyed 22-year-old actor must figure out what to do with the rest of his career.

Not that his allure is dimming yet. Efron currently is traveling the country promoting his new movie "Charlie St. Cloud," a tour that brought a record-breaking crowd of 7,000 swooning, squealing fans to his stop at the Mall of America. For the record, Efron structured the PR excursions so that he could spend weekends home in Los Angeles with his girlfriend and "Musical" costar Vanessa Hudgens.

His latest film is a mystical romance that blends a young adult love story and intense drama. He plays a tragedy-traumatized sailing champion, a role that requires him to brawl in a bar but not step onto the dance floor. In fact, he chose the part over the lead in the remake of "Footloose" because "I've been in that world so many times before. I want to challenge myself," he said.

Balancing dramatic performances against lighthearted entertainments puts him on a course like the one followed by his favorite song-and-dance man, Gene Kelly. "When you watch Gene Kelly's movies you want to be him. You wish you

could say all the things he said. He had such charisma and style and masculinity. You live vicariously through him."

Efron, who was already appearing in guest roles on several TV series at 15, said he was reluctant to watch "Singin' in the Rain" that year, but his father insisted. It immediately became one of his favorite movies. "When I saw that I actually jumped into tap," he recalled with a smile. Kelly also taught "High School Musical" director/choreographer Kenny Ortega, putting Efron one degree of separation away from his role model.

Running his new production company is a step toward creative independence, he said. "We have offices" on the Warner Bros. lot, "and desks and chairs. Now we have a better chance of getting movies made than ever before. I guess now I'm supposed to be coming up with ideas for movies," he said. Efron's wish list of collaborators includes Zack Snyder ("300," "Watchmen"), Todd Phillips ("The Hangover") and any writers who can create age-appropriate roles for a young actor in transition.

Still, he's not about to settle into a desk-jockey routine of a fulltime producer.

"I've never been in my office. I've sort of looked in once. I'm kind of afraid to go in. Then it all will be real."

So far, his choices have been solid. Had things run the usual Hollywood course, he'd have been urged into projects along the lines of "Teen Wolf 3." Instead, Efron launched his own company (with the proudly immature label Ninjas Runnin' Wild). Efron's first post-"High School" project was a grown-up collaboration with indie-artsy director Richard Linklater, who balances free-spirited oddities such as "Slacker" and "Waking Life" with mainstream hits like "School of Rock." Linklater wanted him for an unlikely project, a classy period piece celebrating the greatest moviemaker of all time. "Me and Orson Welles" cast Efron as a bright, stage-struck high school senior who

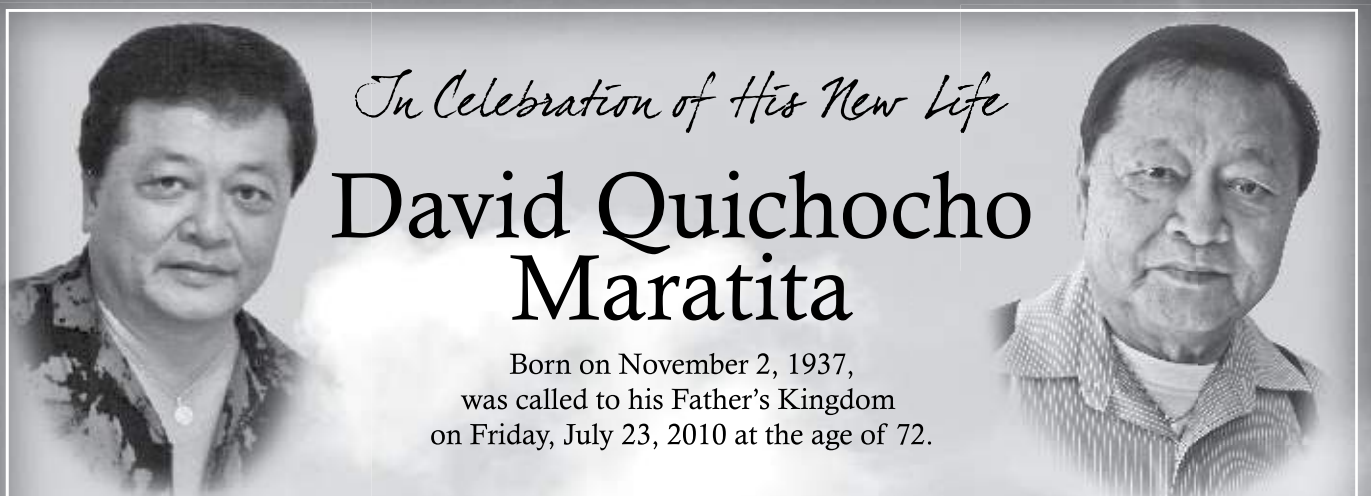
becomes a member of Welles's Mercury Theatre in 1937.

"I was at this phase, having just done 'High School Musical,' where I was really hungry

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Cast member Zac Efron arrives at the premiere of "Charlie St. Cloud" in Los Angeles, Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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### *In Celebration of His New Life* **David Quichocho Maratita**

Born on November 2, 1937,  
was called to his Father's Kingdom  
on Friday, July 23, 2010 at the age of 72.

#### **IN HIS NEW LIFE HE NOW JOINS HIS:**

**Grandchild:** Miracle Divine L. Maratita  
**Parents:** Gregorio Matantaotao and Ana Quichocho Maratita  
**Grandparents:** Juan Mundo and Presentasion Matantaotao Maratita (paternal)  
Vicente Siguenza and Margarita Manglona Quichocho (maternal)  
**Sisters:** Presentasion M. Igitol, Margarita M. Norita, Maria Q. Atalig, Rufina Q. Pangelinan  
**Brothers:** Eusebio Q., Vicente Q., Juan Q., Buenaventura Q., William Q. Maratita, Martino Q. Quitugua  
**Sister-in-law:** Maria T. Maratita  
**Brothers-in-law:** Herman T. Villagomez, Jose A. Atalig, and Joaquin I. Norita  
**Nieces:** Vicky Ann M. & Mae Elaine M. Igitol  
**Grand niece/nephew:** Desirae Monique M. Bonds and Kevin Jude M. Smith  
**Step father-in-law:** Jose J. Cruz

#### **HIS MEMORY WILL LIVE FOREVER IN THE HEARTS OF HIS:**

**Wife:** Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita

#### **Children, Spouses, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren:**

**Sylvia A.** & Orlando Cepeda (James-Steven, Sandra-Liana, Summer-Fay)  
**Helen M.** Atalig (Franklin Paul A. Nauta & Dianne Galiza [Amehra]), Tamara Lynn A. Nauta [Cohen & Avarie], Iesha Calani A. Nauta)  
**Beverly Kay R. M.** & Francisco M. Camacho (Shawn Derek & Vanessa Sabrina [Shalei]), Frankie Jr., Kimberly Kay, Breanna Kay)  
**Roxanne Marie R. M.** & Gene Weaver (Justis Ryan, Pedro David, Jourdon Virginia, Tori Lourdes, Garrett Joseph)  
**David Wade R.** & Claire Ann L. Maratita (Ciara Verna & Ignacio Ada, Waedynne, Sohaina Cheyenne)  
**Kevin Joseph R.** Maratita & Joy Malsol (Terrence Dylan, Victoria Susana, Keanalyn Kelsey, Nayari Darlene, Jelshie)  
**Barrie Keith R.** & Jennifer F. Maratita (Aeyanna Skye, Elise Divine)  
**Matthew B.** Blanco  
**Winona-Rebekah B.** Maratita

#### **Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:**

Oscar Q. & Visi DLC. Quitugua; Agnes M. Villagomez; Winny M. & Luis M. Sablan; Fred Q. Maratita; Connie Q. & Eusebio T. Manglona; Antonio Q. Maratita; Myrna G. Maratita; Victorino N. & Alice S. Igitol; Victoria S. Maratita; Nora Quitugua; Francisco Pangelinan

**Mothers-in-Law:** Maria Rosa B. Cruz, Isabel B. Matsunaga (reared)

#### **In-Laws & Spouses:**

Lino Agun; Francisca C. Blanco; Rosario R. Blanco; Alexander B. Kitano; Arnold B. Kitano; Soledad K. & Francis A. Palomo; Vicente B. & Darlene Kitano; Bertha M. & Darryl Ong; Thomas T. Matsunaga; George T. Matsunaga & Leonora C. Bowie; Raymond T. & Tina P. Matsunaga; and Elizabeth T. Matsunaga & George Lieto

*He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren and missed by his many friends, employees, and special helpers (Emil & Teta).*

Daily mass is being offered at San Jose Church (Tinian) at 6:00 a.m. and nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. & daily mass is being offered at Kristo Rai Church (Saipan) at 6:00 a.m. & San Antonio Church (Saipan) at 6:00 p.m., and at San Francisco de Borja Church (Rota) at 6:00 a.m.

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, his remains will be escorted from the Tinian Health Center at 7:00 a.m. to the San Jose Church for viewing. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. and internment will follow at the cemetery. Lunch will be served immediately at the church grounds after the burial.

**Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen i asaguaña as Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita, i famaguon yan i familia.**





## PLAY TIME

Actress Catherine Zeta Jones plays with Catrin Verdin, aged 7, from Aberaeron, Wales, in the children's play room during a visit to the Children's Hospital for Wales in Cardiff, where she and her husband Michael Douglas met staff and children Friday, July 23, 2010. The film star couple appealed for donations to help complete the next stage of work four years after they officially opened the hospital.

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**NOW SHOWING**



### Salt

Friday and Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55  
 Sun through Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25

**Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber**  
 Thriller • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Angelina Jolie stars as a CIA operative on the run in the spy thriller Edwin A. Salt, a Columbia Pictures production from writer Kurt Wimmer (Equilibrium). Actor/director Phillip Noyce helms the picture, which focuses on the plight of a government agent who's been wrongly accused of being a Russian assassin out to take down the U.S. president.



### Ramona and Beezus

Friday and Saturday 1:10 4:20 7:10 9:35  
 Sun through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10

**Sandra Oh, Bridget Moynahan**  
 Children's family • Rated G

### Synopsis

Award-winning short filmmaker Elizabeth Allen follows up her debut feature, Aquamarine, with this adaptation of the Newbury Award-winning children's book series by author Beverly Cleary. Scribe Laurie Craig steps in to assume screenwriting duties for the live-action feature centering on the adventures of mischievous youngster Ramona Quimby.



### Inception

Friday and Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50  
 Sun through Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

**Leonardo DiCaprio, Marion Cotillard**  
 Action, Science fiction • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Warner Bros. presents the new film by The Dark Knight's Christopher Nolan, this one taking on a sci-fi psychological spin for the serious-minded action auteur, with Leonardo DiCaprio spearheading the cast. Emma Thomas serves as producer, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ken Watanabe, Marion Cotillard, Cillian Murphy, and Ellen Page rounding out the supporting roles.



### The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Friday and Saturday 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30  
 Sun through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20

**Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel**  
 Fantasy, Children's/family • Rated PG

### Synopsis

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### Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Friday and Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00  
 Sun through Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

**Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart**  
 Fantasy • Rated PG 13



### The Last Airbender

Friday and Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45  
 Sun through Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15

**Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz**  
 Adventure, Family • Rated PG

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# 'Inception' trumps 'Salt' with \$43.5M weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Leonardo DiCaprio's "Inception" has won a battle of superstar action thrillers over Angelina Jolie's "Salt" at the weekend box office.

"Inception" remained the No. 1 movie for the second-straight weekend with \$43.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Warner Bros. thriller featuring DiCaprio as leader of a team that sneaks into people's dreams raised its 10-day total to \$143.7 million.

Sony's spy caper "Salt" debuted a solid No. 2 with \$36.5 million. The movie stars Jolie as a CIA operative who goes rogue after she's accused of being a Russian sleeper agent.

Coming in at No. 3 with \$24.1 million was Steve Carell's family hit "Despicable Me." The animated comedy raised its domestic total to \$161.7 million.

In a rare convergence of fresh ideas, the top three movies all were original stories, not sequels or adaptations of comic books, best-sellers, video games or other pre-existing material.

"Typically in summer, all we're seeing are reshapes and sequels and reboots, whatever you want to call them," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "To have original stories as the top-three films is a lesson to studios that maybe audiences are open to more originality in the summer and to perhaps not play it so safe, even though that goes against the grain of every fiber in every studio executive's being."

## ZAC

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to work with a director I could learn something from. I met with Rick before having read the entire script and after vibing with him and seeing how cool and relaxed he was, I just really wanted to work with him. I figured I would pick up a lot of knowledge along the way because he's been making such great movies for so long. As I read the script I could see the character was a lot like me. I could see myself pulling it off." Though it was no blockbuster, it proved that Efron could hold his own in a solid acting ensemble including Claire Danes, Christian McKay and Eddie Marsan.

His follow-up was the predictable but pleasant high school body-swap comedy "17 Again." Though it was clearly designed to delight his young fans, indie director Burr Steers (of the darkly comic "Igby Goes Down") brought a caustic edge to the project. The film opened No. 1 at the box office.

In "Charlie St. Cloud," Efron rejoins Steers in a still darker story. Efron tackles scenes of turbulent emotion, especially in relation to his bratty younger brother, whose claims on Char-

The weekend's other new wide release, 20th Century Fox's family comedy "Ramona and Beezus," took in \$8 million to finish at No. 6. The movie is based on Beverly Cleary's children's books about a teenage girl and her accident-prone little sister. "Inception" hung in strongly in its second weekend, its total down just 31 percent from its \$62.8 million opening. During the busy summer, top hits often drop 50 percent or more in the second weekend and rarely repeat as the No. 1 movie.

1. "Inception," \$43.5 million.
2. "Salt," \$36.5 million.
3. "Despicable Me," \$24.1 million.
4. "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," \$9.7 million.
5. "Toy Story 3," \$9 million.
6. "Ramona and Beezus," \$8 million.
7. "Grown Ups," \$7.6 million.
8. "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," \$7 million.
9. "The Last Airbender," \$4.2 million.
10. "Predators," \$2.9 million.

The film will quickly shoot past the \$200 million mark at the domestic box office and has a good shot at topping \$300 million, said Dan Fellman, head of distribution at Warner Bros.

Repeat business is accounting for a good share of "Inception" revenues as fans return to delve deeper into the labyrinthine story concocted by writer-director Christopher Nolan ("The Dark Knight").

"There's so much on the screen. It's so original and so smart that it raises questions that

I think can be answered in different ways if you see the movie multiple times," Fellman said.

While young males usually make up the bulk of the action audience, women and older crowds were the core fans of Jolie's "Salt." Females accounted for 53 percent of viewers, while 59 percent of the audience was older than 25, according to Sony.

"What the movie really has going for it just a kick-ass performance by Angelina Jolie," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony. "It just speaks well to the viability of our film for many weeks to come that you have such an incredible hold for 'Inception,' and we're still able to open our picture. We coexisted really nicely."

Overall revenues rose for the fourth-straight weekend as Hollywood continued to recover from a box-office swoon earlier in the summer. Receipts totaled \$164 million, up 11 percent from the same weekend last year, when "G-Force" was No. 1 with \$31.7 million.

Revenues this season are at \$3 billion, about 3 percent ahead of the record pace of summer 2009. But accounting for higher ticket prices, movie attendance is down 3.4 percent compared to last summer's, according to Hollywood.com.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.

persuasively move up to action roles—provided the adventure is grounded in a solid story.

"I think it's what's driving the action that's so important. Action for the sake of action is a genre that I never really gravitated towards. I don't go to those movies. 'The Matrix' was the type of action I like to see because that was a psychological thriller with action. That's really interesting. Just to beat 'em up—I know there's a million guys who could do it better."

So why did he call his production company Ninjas Runnin' Wild?

Efron came close to blushing at the memory of the brainstorming process that produced that handle. "I won't tell the story of how we came up with the name," he grinned. What looks like a stoned toss-off joke, he explained, is calculated corporate brand planning with a view to long-term public image control.

"I just figure if you watch Ninjas Runnin' Wild come up before a movie you might remember it. It's not going to be like some of these names. I mean. It's irrelevant, but you might say, 'Oh, it's that one.' You might retain it a little longer because it's unusual."

Spoken like a true survivor.



# French hospital: Singer Al Jarreau getting better

**MARSEILLE, France (AP)**—Hospital authorities say Grammy-winning singer Al Jarreau will stay hospitalized in the French city of Marseille for three or four more days.

The Marseille Hospital Authority said Sunday that Jarreau is getting better and in good spirits but will stay in La Timone hospital for monitoring.

Jarreau's managers says he will

undergo tests in Marseille and "hopes to resume his tour at the end of the coming week."

The 70-year-old Jarreau was hospitalized in the Alps on Friday after suffering breathing prob-

lems in the mountains that forced him to cancel several concerts. He was moved to Marseille by helicopter Saturday. Jarreau has won Grammys in three separate categories—jazz, pop and R&B.

## 'House' star Laurie to sing the blues on new album

**LONDON (AP)**—Dr. Gregory House has long battled the blues. Now, the actor who plays the acerbic physician plans to play them.

Warner Music Entertainment said Monday that British actor Hugh Laurie has signed a deal to record an album of New Orleans-inspired blues.

"I am drunk with excitement at this opportunity," Laurie said in a statement. "I know the history of actors making music is a checkered one, but I promise no one will get hurt."

Despite his note-perfect American accent on "House," Laurie is a longstanding member of Britain's acting establishment, famous for his turns in the "Blackadder" comedies and as Bertie Wooster in "Jeeves and Wooster." In 2007, Laurie was made a member of the Order of the British Empire.

On "House," Laurie's character often plays piano and the guitar. According to his record company, Laurie is a predominantly self-taught pianist because, in a very House-like move, he had "creative differences" with his childhood teacher.

The album is to be produced by Grammy winner Joe Henry, who has also worked with Ani Di Franco, Elvis Costello, and London Wainwright III.

Earlier this month, Laurie received his fifth Emmy nomination for his portrayal of House.

## French nuns to sing on Lady Gaga label

**PARIS (AP)**—Decca Records says a group of Benedictine nuns in southern France will record an album for the British label.

Decca is part of Universal Music, which produces albums for stars like The Rolling Stones, Eminem, Amy Winehouse, U2 and Lady Gaga.

The nuns of the Abbaye de Notre Dame de l'Annonciation near the southern French city of Avignon were chosen after worldwide search for female Gregorian chant performers.

Their debut album, "Voices—Chant from Avignon," will feature an ancient style of the Gre-

gorian Chant which the nuns at convent sing at least 8 times a day starting before dawn.

This style of music first gained a popular audience through Enigma's run of chart successes in the 1990s.

The album release is planned for November.

## Jolie plays spy, but plays down spy scandal

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Even though Angelina Jolie plays a suspected Russian sleeper agent in her latest movie, in real life she thinks U.S.-Russian relations are going well.

Jolie was in Moscow for the Russian premiere of the movie "Salt" on Sunday, just a few weeks after 10 Russian sleeper agents were expelled from the United States in exchange for four Russians accused of spying for the West.

She tells reporters at the Oktyabrskaya theater, "you don't want to focus on the negative behind this issue of the spy swap because I think that what is happening between our countries is wonderful these days, so many positive movements forward."

Fans waited hours in 35 degree Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) heat outside the theater to get a glimpse of the star, who wore a scarlet gown with deep cleavage.

Actress Angelina Jolie arrives for the Russian premiere of her feature film "Salt," in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, July 25, 2010, with a Russian poster of the movie in the background.

## Rejected senior finds it hard to accept neighbor's conquest

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I was involved with "Ralph" for two years. We live in a senior apartment complex, and women have been coming on to him for years. He is now seeing "Joan," who happens to be my neighbor. This hurts me deeply.



*Dear Abby*

This is a small complex and it's difficult to face them. I am desperately trying to hold my words and feelings inside because it is hard not to call the woman a "slut." I blame Ralph more. He made the decision to humiliate me, but how can Joan do this to her own neighbor? How do I handle this with class?

SHATTERED HEART

**DEAR SHATTERED HEART:** The smart way to handle it "with class" is to keep your temper in check and do no name-calling. If Ralph didn't make your relationship official, he was free to start seeing someone else.

While I agree that this is a painful disappointment, do not waste one more minute feeling "humiliated." Not all romances work out—and a remedy for easing the pain is to become more active. Do not sit around feeling sorry for yourself watching Ralph and Joan come and go. Time can ease a broken heart—but if it doesn't, consider trading rooms/apartments with someone on a different floor.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Please settle something for me. As I was getting into my car, which was parked on the street, my cell phone rang with an important call. I took the call and wanted to finish the conversation before I pulled out and started driving. Meanwhile, someone had pulled up and wanted my parking spot. He honked his horn at me repeatedly. It was a diagonal space, and he would not have seen my arm if I had waved him on.

I know it was frustrating for this person who wanted to park, but I thought it was more important for me not to drive while on the phone. My husband thinks I should have pulled out anyway, or postponed the call. Who do you think is right?

CAREFUL IN LA JOLLA, CALIF.

**DEAR CAREFUL:** You did the right thing by not pulling out. If the call was important—as you say it was—you were right to deal with the matter immediately. Until you vacated it, that parking spot was yours.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My 50-year-old husband and his 27-year-old son from a previous marriage like to call each other profane names. Neither one seems to have a problem with it, and argue that they call their buddies these kinds of names.

I am personally offended by profanities and find it disturbing that such language would be used among family members, let alone in front of others. Am I the only one who thinks this is unhealthy behavior?

OFFENDED STEPMOM IN WASHINGTON STATE

**DEAR OFFENDED:** Probably not. However, if neither your husband nor his son is offended, perhaps you should loosen up and be less judgmental. More important than what your husband and stepson call each other is the meaning behind the words. And more off-putting than the terms of "endearment" they're using with each other may be your well-intentioned efforts to censor them.

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## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Louis Prima gets posthumous Hollywood star

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — 'King of Swing' Louis Prima has received a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in a centennial celebration that included dancing in the street to his big-band sounds. The influential band leader was honored at a Sunday ceremony on Vine Street attended by his son Louis Prima Jr., who continues the legacy of his father's music, his daughter Lena Prima, celebrities, dignitaries and fans. "Louis Prima was a great entertainer and presented a great show. But more than anything else, he brought happiness to his audiences," said Bill Cosby in a congratulatory message read at the midday ceremony, which also included a concert of Prima's music by Louis Prima Jr.'s big band, The Witnesses, as well as swing-dancing fans. Prima, who died in 1978, would have been 100 years old this year.

### Wagner music festival opens in Bayreuth

**BERLIN (AP)**—The yearly festival celebrating the music of Richard Wagner has opened in

Bayreuth, the city where the celebrated German composer made his home in his later years. The 99th annual event opened Sunday with a staging of "Lohengrin" by director Hans Neuenfels. Many prominent politicians and celebrities attended, including Chancellor Angela Merkel. It's the first time the festival in the southern state of Bavaria has been held since the death of its longtime patriarch, the composer's grandson Wolfgang Wagner. Wagner led the festival for 57 years before stepping down in 2008. He died in March at age 90. The festival is now led by his daughters Eva Wagner-Pasquier and Katharina Wagner. The event runs through August 28.

### 'Bookseller of Kabul' writer to pay subject

**OSLO, Norway (AP)**—A lawyer says the author and publisher of the best-selling "The Bookseller of Kabul" have been sentenced to pay 250,000 kroner (\$40,200) in damages to a woman portrayed in the book. Cato Schiotz says the Oslo district court has ruled his client, war correspondent Asne Seierstad, breached the privacy of Afghan Suraia Rais in her book,

named after Rais' husband Shah Mohammad Rais. Seierstad lived with the Rais family in Kabul in 2002 and published the book, about their personal relationships and feelings, as nonfiction shortly after. Schiotz said Saturday the court ruled Seierstad had used inaccurate information in her accounts of Rais and didn't act in good faith. He says he is very disappointed with the ruling and will encourage Seierstad and the publisher, Cappelen Damm, to appeal.

### Priscilla tells fans some Elvis horse tales

**LEXINGTON, Kentucky (AP)**—Diehard Elvis fans know he loved horses, and they lined up to hear some horse talk from the wife of the king. Fans waited several hours Friday at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington for a chance to have Priscilla Presley sign toy models of her late husband's gold palomino, Rising Sun. Elvis bought horses for everyone in his entourage, Priscilla Presley told the crowd, "whether you liked horses or not and whether you were afraid of them or not, because if you were, he was going

to break you of that." Presley was at the horse park as part of Breyer Fest, an annual convention of toy horse collectors. Toy horse maker Breyer was introducing its Elvis Presley Collection, which features Elvis riding Rising Sun.

### New Jersey governor not a fan of 'Jersey Shore'

**TRENTON, N.J. (AP)**—"Jersey Shore" may have many fans, but New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie isn't among them. During an appearance Sunday on ABC's "This Week," host Jake Tapper asked Christie if he thought the MTV program—which focuses on the escapades of a group of hard-partying 20-something Italian-Americans at a shore house—was positive or negative for his state. Christie said the show is negative, and it "takes a bunch of New Yorkers, drops them at the Jersey Shore and tries to make America feel like this is New Jersey." Many Italian-American groups have said the show is offensive and relies on crude stereotypes. The governor says anyone who wants to learn about "the real New Jersey" should visit and see what the state has to offer.



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Happy Birthday: Emotions will be hard to deny and will prompt you to reevaluate what's important and where you should put your time, money and energy this year. There are plenty of possibilities that can develop if you join forces with the right people. Tying your old ideas into new plans will lead to your success. Your numbers are 4, 18, 22, 27, 29, 35, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take responsibility and you will have no regrets. Emotions will stand in the way of being able to make a good decision, especially with matters pertaining to work. Avoid anyone with the potential to bully you. \*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Think before someone talks you into doing something that isn't really your responsibility. You can easily be taken advantage of. You have a choice: Stand up for yourself or give in to pressure. \*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Showing your originality in the way you present and promote your attributes will entertain a captive audience and help you structure your plans for the future. Don't let love stand in the way of your progress. Put your emotions on hold. \*\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talks will be necessary if you plan to make some changes at home, work or within an organization you belong to. Expect someone to push

you regarding work that has to be done. If you aren't planning on finishing the job, say so and walk away. \*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can't count on anything, especially if it has to do with money. Pay off debts and research before you invest. A financial mistake can be made easily if you aren't well-informed. \*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Question anything or anyone that appears shady. A big talker is likely to lead you in the wrong direction. Be responsible for the jobs expected of you. A lack of production will belittle your reputation. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your thoughts, ideas and talents and you will be given a chance to put what you have mastered to the test. Get serious about work and partnerships that can help you earn a higher income and allow you greater freedom. \*\*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Nothing will go according to plan. You will have to be ready to make last-minute alterations if you are going to come out ahead. An emotional situation will take an unexpected turn. \*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be open about what you want to see unfold if you expect to achieve your dreams. Travel will lead to interesting conversations, giving you greater insight into the possibilities available and what you can achieve. \*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Creative accounting will help you get what you want. You will find a way to enhance

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whatever you get involved in, be it business or personal partnerships, money deals or a contract for services you can offer. \*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll know instinctively what needs to be done and, whether you like it or not, you will have to follow through. Living up to a standard or upholding what's being asked of you will be necessary, even if everyone else is reneging. You will win in the end. \*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to your own affairs and you will avoid trouble. Someone is likely to try to pull you into a situation offering no benefits. Emotional manipulation is apparent where work-related matters are concerned. \*\*\*

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b) Roll Call  
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b. Discussion of permit application by CRM  
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c. Application Status (CRM Agencies/CRM)  
**III. OTHER MATTERS**  
**IV. ADJOURNMENT**  
All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral  
testimony on the above agenda items. [Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41,  
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# Granderson homers twice as Yankees beat Royals



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Curtis

Granderson hit a pair of homers and Alex Rodriguez drove in three runs as the New York Yankees waited out a long rain delay to beat the Kansas City Royals 12-6 on Sunday.

Rodriguez will take his pursuit of 600 home runs on the road after failing to reach the milestone for the third straight day.

He hit an RBI double in the fourth and came to the plate with the bases loaded in the eighth. He was hit by a pitch from reliever Blake Wood near the left wrist and fell to the dirt.

Rodriguez was replaced by a pinch runner, and the Yankees pushed across five extra runs in the inning. The slugger said after the game that he was fine and expects to be in the lineup Monday night in Cleveland.

Phil Hughes (12-3) didn't return after the rain delay, which lasted 2 hours, 32 minutes, but earned the win. He needed 95 pitches to get through 5 1-3 innings in another shaky start.

Robinson Cano drove in a pair of runs with two hits, giving him 1,000 for his career, while Derek Jeter added three hits and an RBI.

Scott Podsednik hit a pair of two-run homers for his third career multihomer game.

The Yankees gave themselves a big cushion early against Sean O'Sullivan (1-1), who beat them Tuesday night as a member of the Los Angeles Angels. He was traded to the Royals on Thursday.

## Athletics 6, White Sox 4

At Oakland, Dallas Braden won for the first time in 10 starts since his perfect game May 9, ending a five-game losing streak in Oakland's victory over Chicago.

Kurt Suzuki drove in three runs two days after receiving a \$16 million, four-year contract, and Daric Barton hit a two-run single.

Paul Konerko gave Chicago an early lead on an RBI double in the first. After that, Braden (5-7) retired 13 of the next 14 White Sox hitters. This was the lefty's second start since coming off the disabled list July 20 following a bout with tightness in his throwing elbow.

Braden left in the seventh to a rousing ovation, the A's well on



New York Yankees' Curtis Granderson, right, watches his fourth-inning solo home run off Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Sean O' Sullivan in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, July 25, 2010, in New York.

their way to a fourth win in five games and ninth in 11.

Oakland captured its fourth straight series, winning its seventh consecutive day game. Michael Wuertz finished with a 1-2-3 ninth for his third save.

## Mariners 4, Red Sox 2

At Seattle, Michael Saunders lined a two-run single off reliever Hideki Okajima in the eighth inning to get the lead and pinch-hitter Milton Bradley's squeeze bunt added another run as the Mariners rallied past Boston.

Seattle salvaged a split of the four-game series and sent Boston into the final stage of its 10-game West Coast trip now eight games behind the first-place Yankees in the AL East.

## Rays 4, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Reid Brignac hit a three-run homer that helped Wade Davis remain unbeaten in July.

Brignac connected off Justin Masterson (3-9) in the second inning to put the Rays ahead 3-1.

Davis (8-9) improved to 3-0 in four starts this month after going 0-5 in June. The right-hander allowed two runs and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings as Tampa Bay won its second straight after losing 18 in a row

at Progressive Field since 2005.

The Rays took two of three in the series to improve the majors' best road record to 33-18.

Travis Hafner went 4 for 4, but the Indians were 1 for 9 with runners in scoring position—making them 1 for 26 over the past four games.

## Twins 10, Orioles 4

At Baltimore, Jason Kubel hit his seventh career grand slam, Kevin Slowey took a five-hitter into the seventh inning and Minnesota beat Baltimore to end a run of four consecutive road series losses.

Kubel's drive off rookie Jake Arrieta (3-3) in the third sparked a surge of 10 straight Minnesota runs. It was his second slam of the season; the other came off Yankees closer Mariano Rivera in May.

## Blue Jays 5, Tigers 3, 1st game Tigers 6, Blue Jays 5, 2nd game

At Detroit, Ryan Raburn's three-run double in the eighth inning capped a four-run rally that carried injury-depleted Detroit past Toronto for a split of their day-night doubleheader.

In the opener, Lyle Over-

bay hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off All-Star reliever Jose Valverde (1-2).

Miguel Cabrera hit an RBI double into the right-field corner off Jason Frasor (3-3) with one out in the eighth inning of the nightcap, cutting Detroit's deficit to 4-3. It scored Austin Jackson, who led off with a single, and sent pinch-hitter Ramon Santiago, who was hit by a pitch, to third. Brennan Boesch was intentionally walked to load the bases and Raburn ripped Frasor's pitch into left-center.

Phil Coke (6-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Valverde allowed Dewayne Wise's home run leading off the ninth but earned his 21st save in 22 chances.

Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 27th homer for the Blue Jays, who squandered a 4-0 lead.

Toronto, which leads the majors with 148 homers, scored all its runs in the first game on long balls. Jose Molina and Vernon Wells also homered, along with Overbay.

Scott Downs (4-5) escaped an eighth-inning jam to earn the win and Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth for his 23rd save in 27 opportunities.

## Marlins 5, Braves 4

At Miami, Wes Helms hit a bases-loaded RBI single with none out in the 11th inning Sunday, helping the Florida Marlins earn their fourth walkoff win of the week over the Atlanta Braves.

The Marlins won seven of 10 on their homestand, with six wins by one run.

The Braves loaded the bases four times, including in the 11th, and those situations produced only one run. They stranded 11 runners.

Florida's Hanley Ramirez singled off Jesse Chavez (2-2) to start the bottom of the 11th, and he took third on a single by Dan Uggla. After Cody Ross was intentionally walked to load the bases, Helms hit an 0-1 pitch through the left side of the infield and was mobbed after rounding first base.

Florida has seven walkoff wins this season.

## Padres 6, Pirates 3

At Pittsburgh, Adrian Gonzalez and Chris Denorfia homered and Wade LeBlanc won for the first time in six weeks as first-place San Diego finished off its only series sweep in Pittsburgh since 1998.

The Padres have won all 10 series in Pittsburgh since PNC Park opened in 2001, but hadn't swept one there before outscoring the Pirates 20-8 in the three weekend games.

Gonzalez's two-run homer, his 21st, highlighted a five-run third inning against Pirates rookie Brad Lincoln (1-4), who was sent back to Triple-A after the game.

## Giants 3, Diamondbacks 2, 10 innings

At Phoenix, Buster Posey had four hits to extend his hitting streak to 18 games and Travis Ishikawa hit a run-scoring single in the 10th inning, helping the San Francisco Giants complete their first four-game sweep in Arizona in nine years.

The Diamondbacks, who traded three-time All-Star right-hander Dan Haren during the game to the Los Angeles Angels for three pitchers and a player to be named, had runners on the corners in the ninth, but Sergio Romo (3-3) struck out Cole Gillespie and Chris Young.

Posey started the winning rally with a double, setting up Ishikawa's single off Esmerling Vasquez (1-3) that easily scored pinch-runner Eli Whiteside.

## Phillies 4, Rockies 3

At Philadelphia, Jimmy Rollins singled home the tying run in the seventh inning then put the Phillies ahead for good by scoring on a wild pitch.

After a long rain delay, pinch-hitter Wilson Valdez started the seventh inning with a double to right. Rollins followed with an RBI single off Joe Beimel (1-1). Rollins ad-

vanced to second on an error by left fielder Ryan Spilborghs.

Two outs later, reliever Rafael Betancourt threw a pitch that bounced away from catcher Miguel Olivo. Rollins, who had stolen third, scored without a play.

Colorado has lost five in a row.

Ryan Madson (3-1) worked out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the top of the seventh to earn the win.

## Astros 4, Reds 0

At Houston, Wandy Rodriguez allowed one hit in seven innings, while Hunter Pence and Chris Johnson homered for the Astros.

Michael Bourn drove in two runs with a double in Houston's three-run seventh to help the Astros avoid a three-game sweep against Cincinnati.

Rodriguez (8-11) struck out seven for his fifth win in his last six starts. Brandon Lyon gave up one hit in the eighth and Matt Lindstrom did the same in the ninth to complete the shutout.

Reds rookie starter Mike Leake (7-2) was perfect in the fifth and sixth innings before Johnson's homer to left field with one out in the seventh made it 2-0. The home run extended his career-best hitting streak to nine games. Jason Castro followed with a single before a pinch-hit double by Jason Michaels chased Leake.

## Brewers 8, Nationals 3

At Milwaukee, Casey McGehee and Rickie Weeks homered and as the home team scored five unearned runs off starter Ross Detwiler in beating Washington to complete a three-game sweep.

Milwaukee took a 2-0 lead on Jonathan Lucroy's RBI single and a wild pitch by Detwiler (0-1) after third baseman Willie Harris misplayed a grounder.

In the fourth, shortstop Ian Desmond bobbled Dave Bush's two-out roller and threw it away, allowing Lucroy to score.

## Dodgers 1, Mets 0

At Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw scattered seven hits over eight innings in his first start since appealing a five-game suspension and Russell Martin hit a late RBI double in the Dodgers' victory over the punchless Mets.

Former catcher Kenley Jansen got his first major league save, handing New York its fourth shutout loss on a 2-9 road trip to San Francisco, Arizona and Los Angeles. Mets starter R.A. Dickey came out in the sixth with an injured left leg.

Kershaw (10-5) stranded six runners, struck out three and issued an intentional walk. The 22-year-old left-hander was suspended last Wednesday, one day after hitting San Francisco's Aaron Rowand with a pitch.

Pedro Feliciano (2-5) gave up the winning hit.

## Kaye Cowher, wife of former coach, dies at age 54



**RALEIGH, N.C.**  
(AP)—Kaye Cowher, the wife of ex-Steelers coach Bill Cowher and a former basketball player at North Carolina State and in the now-defunct Women's Professional Basketball League, has died of skin cancer. She was 54.

Cowher died Friday in her native North Carolina, where

the family relocated at her urging during Cowher's final year as coach in 2006, one season after the Steelers won the Super Bowl. The family had lived since in Raleigh.

"Kaye was such a loving and compassionate person and she was the foundation of our family," Bill Cowher, now an NFL analyst with CBS, said in a statement Saturday. "Kaye was

always at my side throughout my career as a player, coach, NFL analyst and, most importantly, as a parent to our three daughters."

He added: "Kaye was the rock that we could all lean on in the tough times. She was looked up to by so many people and I cannot say enough about what Kaye meant to our family."

Kaye Cowher and other

family members were often seen cheering from a private box at Steelers home games during Bill Cowher's 15 seasons as coach from 1992-2006. The Steelers lost four AFC championship games—all at home—before finally winning the Super Bowl, and Kaye Cowher was repeatedly seen consoling her husband following those defeats.



# Pettersson rallies to win Canadian Open



**T O - R O N T O**  
(A P) — Carl Pettersson thought he had missed the weekend cut moments after finishing the second round of the Canadian Open at 1 under. Two days later, he was celebrating his fourth PGA Tour title.

"I walked in the locker room and (fellow player) Jay Williamson had all the scenarios written out, and he's like, 'Grab a beer.'" Pettersson said. "Before you know it, I'd had seven beers. Made the cut. And my caddie had to drive me home. I wasn't in that bad of shape, but I didn't want to drive. I can usually handle seven beers."

Pettersson moved into contention Saturday with a tournament-record 60, then closed with a 3-under 67 on Sunday to beat playing partner Dean Wilson by a stroke.

"I know it's difficult to shoot another low one after a round like that, so I tried to kind of downplay it," said Pettersson, six strokes behind Wilson with 11 holes to play and four back with seven to go. "I was just like, 'I'll go out and play.' I tried to stay calm, and just (said), 'Whatever happens today happens.'"

He finished at 14-under 266 on the hilly, tree-lined course.

"I still can't believe I won



Carl Pettersson is flanked by two Mounties as he hoists the trophy after winning the 2010 Canadian Open golf tournament at St. Georges Golf and Country Club in Toronto on Sunday July 25, 2010.

the tournament," said Pettersson, the 32-year-old Swede who went to high school and college in North Carolina.

The 40-year-old Wilson, playing on a sponsor exemption, finished with a 72 after opening with three straight 65s to take a four-stroke lead.

"If you would have told me before the week that I could be

second alone, I would have been tickled," Wilson said. "Being in the position that I was, I'm a little disappointed. But still, lots of positives."

Pettersson made a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-3 13th to pull within one, then took the lead on the 480-yard, par-4 14th, holing a 25-footer from the fringe—moments before

Wilson missed his par putt en route to a bogey.

"I played very aggressive coming in," Pettersson said. "And that was fun. That helped me. And all of a sudden I had the lead when I birdied 14."

Wilson hit into the thick rough to the right of the green, chipping through the putting surface to the opposite fringe and miss-

ing from 15 feet.

"That was my bad swing of the day," Wilson said. "I had a good yardage, good mindset on what I was going to do and I just didn't execute. I caught that ball a little thin and it rolled through the green. And I paid the price in that rough."

Pettersson pulled away on the par-5 15th with his third straight

birdie and fourth in five holes, hitting a wedge to 4 1/2 feet. Wilson's approach trickled into the back fringe and his birdie try came up 2 1/2 feet short.

"My other wins I've led starting the day and led the whole back nine, so this is the first win I've had coming from behind," Pettersson said. "It was a different feeling, and it was very enjoyable."

Pettersson parred 16 and 17 and, with a shot to spare, bogeyed the 18th, missing a 5-foot par putt after Wilson putted out for his fourth straight par.

"I felt like I handled it well coming in," Pettersson said. "I know I bogeyed the last, but after Dean didn't make birdie, I sort of cinched that putt up there."

Pettersson bogeyed the par-4 seventh to fall six strokes behind Wilson, then birdied Nos. 8 and 9 to cut the margin to four before seizing control on the back nine.

"I was just the sideshow on the front nine," Pettersson said. "I just love that back nine. It sets up great for me."

The former North Carolina State player earned \$918,000 for his first victory since the 2008 Wyndham Championship near his home in Greensboro. He also won the 2005 Chrysler Championship and 2006 Memorial.

Luke Donald (66) was third at 12 under.

## Kobe Bryant will return from knee surgery by start of training camp



**LOS ANGELES**  
(A P)—Kobe Bryant recently underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, the Los Angeles Lakers revealed Friday.

Bryant will be fully recovered well before training camp opens Sept. 25, the Lakers said in a brief statement. The two-time NBA finals MVP underwent surgery last week.

Bryant's knee was drained of fluid early in the playoffs, and he played through several additional injuries while leading the Lakers to their second straight title.

The Lakers said last month that Bryant likely would have surgery this summer to clean up his knee. It wasn't considered urgent, and he made a trip to South Africa for the World Cup before getting it done.

The team hasn't announced whether Bryant will have surgery on his injured index finger, which was broken late last year and hampered his shot throughout the season.

Center Andrew Bynum also will need surgery on his right knee to repair a partially torn ligament, but Bynum's surgery was delayed until July 28 due to his doctor's schedule. Bynum also should be back to full

strength before training camp.

Although Bryant is working on rehabilitation for his knee, he played a major role in two signings this month for the Lakers. Veteran guard Derek Fisher and swingman Matt Barnes both cited Bryant's personal influence as a major reason they signed with Los Angeles to pursue another title.

The Lakers signed veterans Theo Ratliff and Barnes on Thursday, beefing up their bench after winning last season's title with a top-heavy roster. With free agent point guard Steve Blake also signed this month, the Lakers have 11 players under contract for next season on a roster with strikingly more experience and depth than last season.

General manager Mitch Kupchak said Friday that the Lakers still are in negotiations with guard Shannon Brown, who opted out of his contract to become a free agent. Brown said he wanted to return to the Lakers, and Kupchak still hopes the high-flying guard will be back.

Kupchak also said the Lakers will continue to evaluate second-round draft picks Devin Ebanks and Derrick Caracter during training camp after both performed surprisingly well in summer-league play.

## Armstrong bids Tour adieu, not the way he wanted

**PARIS (A P)**—Lance Armstrong didn't want to go out this way.

In his final Tour de France, the seven-time champion popped a tire, crashed and struggled up the mountains. Worse, he appears to be the target of a U.S. federal investigation into doping and fraud allegations while a rider on the US Postal team.

One Tour too many? Maybe.

Still, he maintained he had no regrets despite the ignominious ending of No. 13—nearly 40 minutes behind the leader, former teammate and rival Alberto Contador.

"I wouldn't say that it's ruined," he said during an interview with a few reporters Sunday. "In 10 years, when I look back on the 2010 Tour, it won't be the memory that I have."

"Obviously, I won't have a yellow jersey to remember - I'll remember the team, digging deep to win the team GC (general classification)," he said. "It's significant for us and the sponsor."

"I'll remember having my son here for a week at the Tour," he said, referring to 10-year-old Luke. "I'll remember the bad luck, certainly—the crashes. But that won't be the thing that I'll take away."

During the race, there were numerous published reports of a federal investigation led by Jeff Novitzky, a special agent with the Food and Drug Administration, into claims about Armstrong and doping by former teammate Floyd Landis.

Several former riders who race with Armstrong have reportedly been subpoenaed. Armstrong faced questions about those reports at the Tour. He said he had not been subpoenaed or contacted by Novitzky himself.

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping, had long denied doping until April, when he announced that he, in fact, did—and alleged Armstrong did, too. The claim came as Armstrong was riding in the Tour of California.

Armstrong, who denies the allegations, faulted Landis for trying to clear his conscience and trying "to incriminate a half-dozen other people. ... To me, that doesn't add up."

"That's just somebody who's trying to ruin the lives of others," Armstrong said on a high-speed French train from Bordeaux to the Paris area for the Tour's 20th and final stage.

He insisted his life isn't going to change.

The Livestrong wristbands of his charitable foundation will continue to sell; he will do charity rides; he will still be a father of four—soon to be five—children; he will still hang out with stars like singer Bono and actor Matthew McConaughey.

Ask any rider or team manager at the Tour, and it's clear Armstrong's mark on the sport is indelible—the use of earpiece radios for riders, training

regimens, diet and race strategy, among other things. His success helped convert what was mostly a summertime passion in Europe into a 21st Century business fanning interest from Canada to China.

But his long-masterful control of his image—cancer survivor, Tour champion, public personality and pitchman—may finally be escaping his grasp.

Last year, returning from a four-year retirement from the Tour, he finished an impressive third, got within one second of the yellow jersey he knows so well, and warmed the hearts of French fans who once despised him for his methodical, "American" drive to victory above all.

This year, he was but a mere 23rd, and his best single showing was arguably in the prologue in Rotterdam, where he placed fourth.

He gradually downscaled his ambitions. At first he wanted to win. Then, he wanted a stage win, which he narrowly missed in an eight-man sprint finish to the 16th stage, the toughest day in the Pyrenees.

When that opportunity vanished, he focused on his RadioShack squad—which did give him a sliver of glory and a podium appearance by winning the team classification.

In Stage 3, he blew a tire on cobblestones, and lost time. In Stage 8, he got involved in

three crashes that his 38-year-old body just couldn't recover from in time to scale tough Alpine climbs.

"With the first crash, my body never felt the same after that, and the second was the nail in the coffin," he said. "So you could look at it like that, and yeah, it was one (Tour) too many."

Yet he said pulling out wasn't an option.

"I couldn't quit," Armstrong said. "I could have said a dozen things were wrong, but that's not the commitment that I made. The result wasn't ideal, but it would have been a serious mistake to quit on the team, to quit on the sponsor, to quit on my fans."

"OK, it's not what they wanted, it's not what any of us wanted. But it would have been far worse to DNF"—Did Not Finish, he said.

He's happy, for the time being, to be out of the limelight.

"Right now, I'm going to the Bahamas, I'm gonna put my feet up and forget about riding the bike for a little bit. Drink some cold beer. Build some sand castles with my kids," he said after the race ended.

"I got my competitive fix for the next 40 years, it will take until about 80 (years old) and then I don't think I will wanna come back," he said.

His 2.5 million-plus followers on Twitter will have to wait.

"I'm laying off the Twitter for a while. I gotta go away."



# CONTADOR

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Rarely has the emergence of a sport’s newest superstar dovetailed so neatly with the departure of the last one.

Contador held off a next-to-last day challenge from Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, his runner-up for a second consecutive year, draining much of the drama from the 20th and final stage. Denis Menchov of Russia was third overall.

Armstrong completed his last Tour in 23rd place, 39:20 behind Contador, his former teammate and rival. His crash-filled journey was a far cry from the third-place finish he posted in 2009 on his return from a four-year retirement.

Yet the sport the 38-year-old American leaves behind hardly wants for budding stars eager to lead the way.

Schleck, for one, vows he’ll win the yellow jersey one day. That promise could produce the next great Tour rivalry, but this year, it wasn’t always sporting.

The high-drama point in the race—and the low-point in their avowed friendship—came in Stage 15.

Wearing the yellow jersey, Schleck mounted an attack against Contador on a Pyrenean climb. Suddenly, Schleck’s chain came undone, and he pedaled in vain. Contador sped ahead, and by the stage finish, had taken yellow and 39 seconds on Schleck—his margin of overall victory.

Many cycling aficionados cried foul, saying Contador had broken the sport’s unwritten etiquette about not taking advantage of unlucky breaks a rider can’t control—especially when he was wearing yellow.

Some fans jeered Contador, and he later apologized on YouTube. Schleck, who was fist-swatting angry at first, eventually patched things up with his rival and urged the crowd to as well.

By the time they wheeled into Paris for the finale, the coronation trumped any lingering controversy.

“I suffered to get this result,” said Contador, before hoisting the victor’s cup, the Arc de Triomphe looming spectacularly in the background. “I don’t have words to express what I feel.”

Schleck pointed to Contador’s yellow shirt.

“This year, it didn’t work. I have a rendezvous in one year with that color there,” he said. “I am better than last year because then it (the deficit) was 4 minutes.”

Mark Cavendish of Britain claimed his fifth stage victory this Tour and 15th in his career in a sprint at the end of the 20th and final stage—largely a ceremonial 63.7-mile course from Longjumeau to Paris.

The 27-year-old Contador exchanged hugs with his Astana teammates, who began chanting “Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole” on the Champs-Elysees, where thousands of fans lined the route to cheer the cyclists. He now joins Greg LeMond, Louison Bobet and Philippe Thys as a three-time Tour champion.

His win added to Spain’s recent sports success—coming off its World Cup victory, and Rafael Nadal’s win at Wimbledon.

Armstrong is the most successful Tour rider ever, with his wins from 1999 to 2005. His last ride in this, his favorite race, began in controversy and ended under a cloud of suspicion, following accusations by former teammate Floyd Landis that Armstrong used performance-enhancing drugs to win.

Landis was stripped of his 2006 Tour title after a positive test and later admitted doping. His allegations against Armstrong and others helped launch a federal investigation. Armstrong has never tested positive and as he has in the past, again denied any involvement in doping.

On Sunday, his RadioShack team was temporarily barred from starting for wearing an improper jersey—and the race started about 15 minutes late as a result.

TV images showed Armstrong and his teammates putting on normal jerseys with their correct race numbers after they tried to wear a black jersey with “28” on the back. The figure was chosen to honor 28 million people fighting cancer, one of the themes Armstrong’s Livestrong Foundation focuses on.

But International Cycling Union officials said Armstrong and his teammates had to change their jerseys and wear the official race numbers, according to UCI rules.

Contador sipped champagne during the leisurely ride and held up three fingers to signal his third Tour win. His Astana team was prepared to quash any attempt for Schleck to break away Sunday—and they had a playful ride.

Near the end, Contador, who is known as “El Pistolero” for his trademark finger-firing gesture, took a blue plastic squirt gun and sprayed photographers.

But very little about this tour could be called fun.

In the first two stages after the July 3 prologue in Rotterdam, rain-splattered and oil-slickened roads brought down at least half the pack. In Stage 3, the drama took a treacherous turn over bone-jarring cobblestone patches—including one that punctured Armstrong’s tire and dealt an early blow to his title hopes in a stage in which his experience was expected to give him an advantage.

Not even halfway through the race, it was a two-man show between Schleck and Contador, when they finished ahead of other pre-race favorites as the Tour left the Alps.

They raced wheel-to-wheel in a lung-busting duel up the Col du Tourmalet in Stage 17, when Schleck couldn’t shake Contador—whose explosive climbing prowess would not be denied.

The Spaniard ultimately yielded the stage win, but never strayed far from Schleck’s rear wheel during the grueling climb, setting the stage for one last fight.

It came Saturday, when the 25-year-old Schleck rode what he called the time trial of his life. But it wasn’t enough to close the gap on Contador, who excels in the discipline. They were unrivaled in the climbs, but the time trial proved Schleck will need to do better racing against the clock if he hopes to beat Contador one day.

With his victory, Contador became only the second rider in the past 20 years of Tour history to win the race without a single stage victory—a sign he’s increasingly following Armstrong’s methodical approach to Tour success. They were uneasy teammates on Astana last year.

Armstrong’s hopes of victory collapsed in Stage 8, when he was caught up in three crashes, including one at about 40 mph on a roundabout when his body skidded on the ground and turned over.

Struggling on subsequent climbs, Armstrong said his luck—which kept him nearly crash-free during his reign of Tour domination—had run out, and solemnly said at the time: “My Tour is finished.”

Alessandro Petacchi of Italy captured the green jersey given to the race’s top sprinter. He was second in the 20th stage, just ahead of Julian Dean of New Zealand.

Anthony Charteau of France won the polka-dot jersey as the best climber; Schleck takes home the white jersey for being the best young rider for a third straight year, and the RadioShack squad won the team competition.

and this time it was Kim Min Ki’s turn to score, upping the team’s lead to 4-0. After Kim’s goal in the 46th minute, Dae Min Jeon made it a 5-0 count with his goal in the 62nd minute.

With the win already assured, MP United pulled Miller and Swaim out of the game and the duo watched the Young Guns’ futile attempts to make it to the scoreboard.

In 14 games, MP United scored 64 goals and allowed only eight. Miller had 15 of them, earning him the Golden Boot award.

Other members of the MP United squad were Peter Bonser, Yim Jae Hyuck, Richard Brostrom, Yukiomi Adachi, Mohammed Rokibul Malitha, Kirk Schuler, Peter Presley, Tiger Lee, Moon Bin Hong, Norman Camacho, David Xiang, Chris Lee Sang Hun, Mohammed Mfijul Islam, Joel Jimenez, Dae Won Jeon, Daniel Stafford, and Nathan Tan.

# CNMI

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posed of Andrew and Grace Kimball, Victoria Chentsova, Keanna Vilagomez, Kensuke and Shin Kimura, Kai Staal, Michael Moran, Junior Pamaran, and Rezne Wong. Andrew Kimball is the youngest member of the team at 13 years old, while Pamaran and Wong are the oldest at 19. Wong is the only member of the team that won medals in the 2006 Micro Games on Saipan.

“Our team is young but several members of our men’s squad are familiar with big international competition. They are very experienced swimmers so they are tough,” said Hiro Kimura, who coaches the men’s team.

Kimura was talking of Wong, Kai Staal, and his sons—Shin and Kensuke. Wong had been to the FINA World Championships in 2007 and 2009, Junior Pan Pacific Championships in 2009, and Japan Open in 2009. Shin competed in FINA World Championships in 2009, Junior Pan Pacific Championships in 2009, and Japan Open in 2009 and 2010. Kai joined the FINA World Championships in 2009, Junior Pan Pacific Championships in 2009 and Japan Open in 2010, while Kensuke participated in the Micro Games 2006 and the Tokyo Junior Sprint from 2008 to 2010.

The four swimmers from Tsunami Saipan and three from Saipan Swim Club are expected to battle the Marshall Islands for the most medals in Palau. The CNMI won 15 gold medals, 19 silver, and 15 bronze in 2006 against Guam’s 22 gold medals, 14, silver, and seven bronze. Guam is not sending a team to Palau, allowing a CNMI-Marshall Islands showdown for the medals.

“As I said before, the Marshall Islands will be our toughest foe. All Marshall swimmers are practicing out of Marshall Islands. One member of the team swims for a college team in the mainland and another one swims in a high school, also in the mainland,” Kimura said.

The CNMI Men’s Swimming Team mentor added they are hoping to collect 10 gold medals and 20 overall.

“We will not go to Palau only to swim or participate in the meet, we will go there to win. In relay events, we wish to get gold medals because in the last Micro Games the CNMI team lost the gold medals in every relay swim,” said Kimura, who supervises the men’s team’s seven days-a-week training.

The CNMI won three silver medals in relay events in the men’s division in 2006, placing second behind Guam in those three occasions.

In the women’s relay division, the Commonwealth took three gold medals behind Nina Mosley, Amanda Johnson, Minerva Cabrera, Nicole Calvo, and Sarah Johnson.

This year, the three CNMI female swimmers are expected to have a hard time duplicating if not surpassing Mosley and company’s success in 2006. However, assistant coach Tamiko Winkfield said she expects the three young swimmers to go all out and advance to the finals.

She added the main goals for the girls’ team is to represent the CNMI well in their swims, be friendly ambassadors, and most importantly experience the fruit of the work they did to qualify for the biggest Games in Micronesia.

“Grace, Victoria, and Keanna are relatively inexperienced swimmers so these Games will be a memorable learning experience and a stepping-stone to more opportunities. They are expected to make it to finals and be a strong contender for medal standings,” said Winkfield, who helps coach Michael Villagomez in training the CNMI’s female swimmers.

“The women’s team began training mid last year. In January, readiness for Games became a high priority. Jon Sakovich then came out to do a clinic in late March. He encouraged and inspired the girls to work hard in practice, improve their technique, and have passion for their sport. In June, the team began double day practices on Tuesday and Thursday to maintain their endurance and stamina. They will continue to practice at least once a day leading up to Aug. 2, the first day of competition. The greatest strength of the women’s team is their love for swimming and their desire to go fast. These girls are going to go a long way,” Winkfield added.

# MP UNITED

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan and general secretary Ed Salas were present to hand the trophy to the new champion team.

MP United ended Inter Godfather’s reign in the men’s league, as the latter ruled the fall and spring seasons of the competition in 2008 and was also the champion in 2009. This year, Inter finished only third with its 8-1-5 win-draw-loss slate, lost once to MP United, and then had a draw against the eventual champion in their other meeting. Korean Senior was the runner-up with its 10-2-2 slate.

Other teams that joined the week-end league were Wild Bill’s, Matansa Football Club, K. Juniors, and Tan Holdings Football Club. The Inde-

pendents Young Guns were the lone 18-and-under squad that competed in the adult league.

In the Young Guns’ last game of the season, they simply lacked the experience to match up against the veteran players of MP United.

MP United had the game in the bag as early as in the first half went it went up, 3-0. Adam Hardwicke opened up the scoring for MP United when he found the back of the net in the eighth minute.

Ten minutes later, it was Nick Swaim’s turn to score, kicking the ball from the center outside the penalty area for MP United’s 2-0 advantage. Then several seconds before the first half ended, Joe Miller broke away from the Young Guns’ defense, sprinted toward the right sideline, and made a cross for MP United’s 3-0 lead.

When teams switched goals in the second half, MP United was still at it

# BASEBALL

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Currently, Garcia plays in the Pacific Coast Baseball League for Shock N Awesome. The power-hitting infielder arrived on Saipan last Wednesday and since then has been attending practices.

It has been four years since his last visit and in his free time Garcia has been catching up with family and friends and in addition to enjoying a lot of his favorite local food.

Garcia’s experience is expected to be a valued asset to the young CNMI team.

Half of the CNMI’s 22-man roster is under 20 years old. With an average age of 22, they are the youngest team out of the six competing teams. Teams from Yap, Palau, Guam, Kosrae, and Pohnpei represent the other five competing squads.

Weather permitting, the 2010 Micro-Games schedule consists of seven games that are originally scheduled to take place on consecutive days.

Eighteen-year-old Justin Alexander recently graduated from Webb School of Knoxville Spartans, where he per-

formed as a four-year starter. His team held a record of 30-6 win-loss record and they won their first Division II-A State title since 1985.

In the 10-4 victory, Alexander pitched a complete game one-hitter and was named tournament co-MVP along with one of his teammates.

Upon graduation, Alexander signed on to play NCAA Division I baseball in the Ohio Valley Conference for the Tennessee Technological University Golden Eagles; he plans on majoring in civil engineering.

Notably, Alexander pitched for Saipan in the 2004 Majors League World Series along with his Micro Games teammates Ton Tenorio and Ton Rogolifoi. He will be utilized as a right-handed pitcher and an outfielder for the defending gold medal CNMI squad. And the kid can bat too. After his July 15 arrival, Alexander hit a towering homerun over the fence at the Francisco “Tan Ko” Palacios Ballfield days later on his first day of practice.

In addition to catching up with family and friends, Alexander has been attaining his scuba certification, which he plans on putting to good use during his first-ever trip to Palau.



# Nationals near sweep of regular season

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The CNMI Nationals continued their winning ways in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League after a 91-80 triumph over Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Nationals-Hi-5 tiff was the last game scheduled for the month, as the Budweiser caging will take a break for 20 days to give way to the former's campaign in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

Coach Rufino Aguon's wards will head to Palau with a seven-game winning run in the Budweiser caging. The Nationals are a win away from sweeping the single-round robin regular season. Counting their games in the UFO caging, the Nationals had only one loss in pre-Micro Games matches. Aguon's team bowed to UFO league defending champion MDX-Chow Queen.

Against Hi-5, which has players who are also suiting up for MDX-Chow Queen, the National eyed vengeance and put up their reliable trapping defense to control the first quarter of the match, 27-18.

However, gunner Dave Sablan and forward Kae Bernardo got their acts together in the next two quarters to put Hi-5 in



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The CNMI Nationals' Dan Barcinas, left, makes a fancy pass to a teammate, as he is being chased by Hi-5's Jerry Diaz in a fastbreak play during the first half of their game in the Budweiser caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

the lead and threaten to hand the Nationals their first defeat in the league.

Sablan had 31 points, making 10 in the second quarter,

as Hi-5 took a 43-39 halftime advantage. Bernardo finished with 26 markers, drilling nine in the third, as Hi-5 still kept the driver's seat, 62-58, entering the final canto.

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However, Sablan and Bernardo ran out of gas in the fourth canto and failed to draw support from their teammates, allowing the Nationals to recover.

Jack Lizama led the Nationals' uphill climb in the fourth quarter and got the needed help from his teammates to lift the squad to an 11-point win.

Lizama finished with 17 points, while Pete Iguel and Dan Barcinas chipped in 15 apiece. Five more CNMI players scored at least eight points each for the team's balance offense.

The Nationals will play their last game of the regular season against the O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels when they return from Palau.

Besides the Nationals-Runnin' Rebels tiff, three more matches will be played in the regular season before the Budweiser caging starts its playoff round. The playoffs will have a double-round robin format with the Nationals likely to take the top seeding and draw a bye in the first round.

**Bud Light CNMI Nationals 91** – Lizama 17, Iguel 15, Barcinas 15, Mendiola 9, Quan 9, Johnson 8, Naraja 8, Tumaquip 8, Lee 2

**Bacardi Mojito Hi-5 80** – Sablan 31, Bernardo 26, Abuel 10, Demapan 7, Santos 4, Lerio 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-18, 39-43, 58-62, 91-80.



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Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan, seen here with his hands being raised by Frank "The Crank" Camacho in a file photo, will take on Guam's Matt "The Hitman" Manibusan in Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible set this Friday at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

## Palaxi vs Hitman headlines ROP 9

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The grudge match between Saipan's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan and Guam's Matt "The Hitman" Manibusan will serve as the main event in this Friday's Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Trench Tech golden boy Sablan has a 16-5 win-loss record. He beat Korean Top Team Pro's Young Nam "The Hippo" Kim via knockout in the 1:33 mark of the second round of their middleweight bout in Trench Warz 12: Battle Brawl last May.

The 160-lb Manibusan, for his part, comes to fight with a 2-4 mark. He lost to Sablan via arm-bar submission in Pacific Xtreme Championships 10 in Guam back in 2007.

"Originally Fasi Jesse was scheduled to fight Matt Manibusan but unfortunately Fasi got injured during training last week. So we scrambled Giovanni to take his place. This is a revenge match, the two of them met in Guam about three years ago and Giovanni defeated Manibusan. The Hitman promises that the outcome will be different this time and vows to avenge his loss," said Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez.

Immediately following the Sablan-Manibusan bout will be a heavyweight showdown between Trench Tech's Ton "But-Dosa" Sablan and Team Zalaka's Franklin Faisao. Faisao will be debuting against Sablan who is undefeated in two fights.

"We decided to have this showdown be the last fight of the night. We want to make sure the cage doesn't break! Ton Sablan comes in at 300 lbs and his opponent, Franklin Faisao, is 250 lbs. That's over 500 lbs battling in the cage! So it will be a rumbling, trembling battle for sure," added Alvarez.

Twelve other matches are slated for the evening with the middleweight super fight

between Saipan's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo and Trench Tech's "No Way" Jose Mafnas among the most intriguing.

The 190-lb Teregeyo has an even 4-4 win-loss record and Mafnas sits with a win and a loss in his young mixed martial arts career.

The rest of the undercard of Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible is as follows:

■ Tinian's Pete Ayuyu vs. Guam's Pete "The Heat" Alvarez in the 146-lb division;

■ Team ZengZung's Conrad Manglona vs. D.A.T. Gym's Josh "Crush" Martin in the 155-lb division;

■ Marianas Elite's Prescott Cabrera vs. Zalaka's John Ilo in the 150-lb division;

■ Tinian's Manny Cepeda vs. Trench Tech's Mark Nuique in the 140-lb division;

■ Team ZengZung's Zackary Rhodes vs. Saipan's Joe "Da Combo" Duenas in the 130-lb division;

■ Team ZengZung's George Manglona vs. Saipan's Josh Cruz in the 140-lb division;

■ Tinian's Regino Mundo vs. Team Zalaka's Jacob Ilo in a 140-lb K-1 exhibition kickboxing match;

■ Marianas Elite's Victor Norita vs. Tinian's Dennis Pua in the 135-lb division.

■ Predator Combat's "Tabi" Jay Muna vs. Trench Tech's "Bad" Brad Palacios in the 135-lb division;

■ Saipan's Jason "Ground Maintenance" Teregeyo vs. Team ZengZung's Craig "Earthquake" Borja in the 140-lb division;

■ Tinian's Mike Reyes vs. against Saipan's Rick "2Slick" San Nicolas in the 185-lb division with Melvin Rran on standby in case San Nicholas does not appear; and

■ Trench Tech's Sully Stone vs. Tinian's Jush Sanchez in the 205-lb division.

Tickets for Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible are on sale for only \$20. Doors open at 7pm.



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Bank of Hawaii senior vice president John Sheather, third from left, helps hold up the super-sized BoH \$25,000 check donation of the company to the 2010 Tournament of Champions. Helping Sheather are TOC tournament director Ben Babauta, center, and BoH's Lisa San Nicolas. Also in photo are TOC organizing committee members Mariano Fajardo, Jeff Taylor, Arthur Miron, and Ray Camacho.



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American Iron Horse's Joe Sizemore, second from left, holds up the Tournament of Champions banner with help from TOC organizing committee members, from left, Arthur Miron, TOC tournament director Ben Babauta, and Boyet Centeno.

## A first for TOC; Harley and \$25K hole-in-one prize

A new and exciting double hole-in-one prize is up for grabs at this year's Tournament of Champions.

A long time sponsor, Bank of Hawaii, has offered \$25,000 in cash to the lucky person who can get a hole in one on hole No. 4 on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf Course.

"Bank of Hawaii and TOC have enjoyed a wonderful partnership and we are a supportive of what

TOC's mission is for Saipan," said BOH senior vice president John Sheather. "The staff and management of Bank of Hawaii are pleased to be a part of TOC's 15th anniversary."

Another prize in hole No. 4 is worth over \$45,000 and brings another first for TOC—a Harley Davidson Motorcycle courtesy of American Iron Horse in the CNMI.

TOC tournament director

Ben Babauta said the excitement of a Harley Davidson and \$25,000 from Bank of Hawaii will make this hole-in-one prize very popular with our golfers.

"The TOC committee members wish we could play in the tournament for a chance to win. We would like to thank Bank of Hawaii and American Iron Horse for their sponsorship," Babauta added.



## Final meeting for Inter-Gov/Biz Softball League set



The 2nd Annual Inter-Government/Business Softball League will hold its final organizational meeting on Aug. 5, 2pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

All teams must be present at the meeting.

For more information about the

Inter-Government/Business Softball League, contact Jojo Attao, Mario Sablan, or Chris Camacho at 664-2502/3. (Walter Sutherland)





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MP United's Kirk Schuler, left battles for the ball against a Young Guns defender during the last game of the men's football league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

## MP United rules men's league

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MP United completed its undefeated season last Sunday en route to topping the 2010 NMIFA Men's Invitational Football League.

MP United played against the Independents Young Guns for the last game in the men's league at the

Oleai Sports Complex and cruised to a 5-0 win and finished the double-round robin season with a 13-1-0 win-draw-loss record.



With its 13 wins, MP United took the No. 1 spot in the eight-team league and was awarded the perpetual trophy in a brief ceremony last Sunday.

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## Baseball team's reinforcements return

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Justin Alexander and Jester Garcia are back on island from the U.S. mainland to help the CNMI National Baseball Team contend for another gold medal in

this year's 2010 Micronesian Games in Koror, Palau from Aug. 1 to 10.



Garcia represents one of four returning players from the 2006 gold medal team that defeated Guam, 3-2, on Saipan.

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WALTER SUTHERLAND

Jester Garcia, left, and Justin Alexander are back on island from the U.S. mainland to help the CNMI National Baseball Team contend for another gold medal in this year's 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau.

# Contador wins 3rd Tour, as Armstrong steps aside



AP

From left, Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, wearing the best young rider's white jersey, Alberto Contador of Spain the race winner, Alessandro Petacchi of Italy, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, and Anthony Charteau of France, wearing the best climber's dotted jersey, stand on the podium after the 20th and last stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 102.5 kilometers (63.7 miles) with start in Longjumeau and finish in Paris, France, Sunday, July 25, 2010.

PARIS (AP)—Alberto Contador stood atop the podium at the Tour de France on Sunday for the third time in four years,



struggling to rein in his emotions as Spain's national anthem echoed across the wide boulevard of the Champs-Elysees. Off to one side, Lance Arm-

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strong applauded and then, without much fanfare, headed toward the exit.

"I need a cold beer," he said when asked his thoughts at the finish line.

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## CNMI to field young swim team in Palau

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Editor's note: This is the fourth article of a series of 11 that will feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

With most of its medalists in the 2006 Micronesian Games gone, the CNMI will be fielding a young team in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau next month.

The youthful squad is com-

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Members and coaches of the CNMI Swimming Team pose for a group photo yesterday morning after their training session at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.